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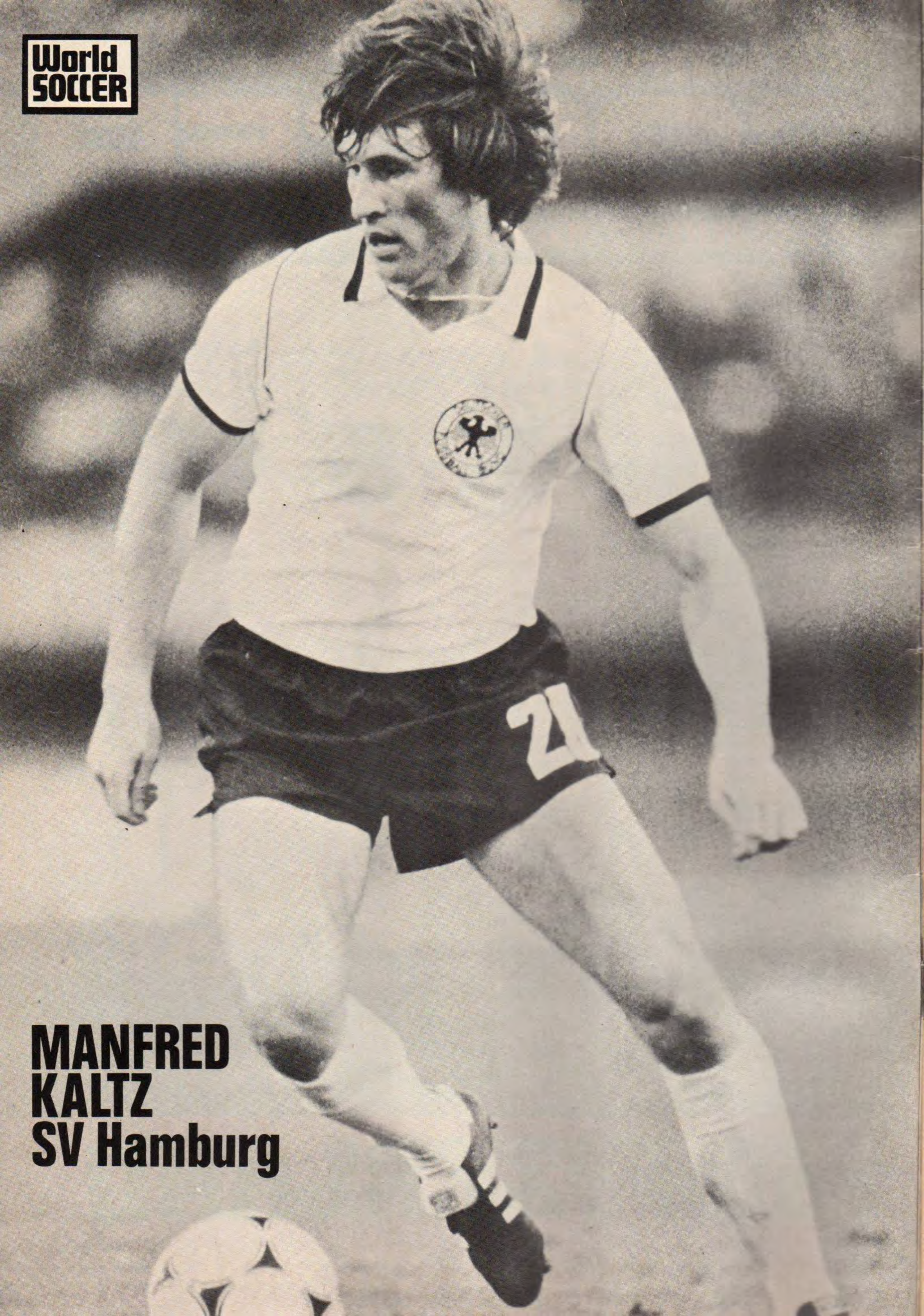
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League Tables

YUGOSLAVIA
Final standing

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Red Star	34	19	10	5	54	26	48
Sarajevo	34	17	7	10	55	41	41
Radnički	34	14	11	9	49	32	39
Napredak	34	13	13	8	41	27	39
Hajduk	34	15	8	11	53	44	38
Sloboda	34	13	9	12	44	37	35
Vardar	34	10	15	9	43	41	35
Velež	34	13	8	13	44	39	34
Željezničar	34	9	15	10	41	47	33
Rijeka	34	12	9	13	34	47	33
Budućnost	34	10	12	12	34	34	32
Dynamo	34	9	14	11	43	44	32
Partizan	34	10	12	12	31	37	32
Borac	34	10	9	15	34	42	30
Olimpia	34	11	8	15	30	45	30
Vojvodina	34	12	6	16	33	53	30
Osijek	34	10	9	15	28	34	29
Celik	34	5	12	17	22	43	22

ROMANIA
Final standing

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Univer. Craiova	34	17	10	7	66	31	44
Steaua	34	17	10	7	75	44	44
FC Arges	34	16	7	11	51	37	39
Baia Mare	34	18	3	13	57	51	39
Dynamo	34	14	9	11	50	37	37
Sportul St.	34	16	5	13	44	34	37
Bacau	34	12	11	11	39	47	35
Politehnica Iasi	34	16	2	16	47	45	34
Chimnia	34	14	6	14	42	49	34
P'tehnica Timisoar	34	15	3	16	47	50	33
Jiul	34	12	9	13	26	38	33
Univers. Cluj	34	14	4	16	44	44	32
Galati	34	12	8	14	50	61	32
Vitorul	34	14	4	16	44	55	32
ASA	34	13	5	16	45	46	31
Trgoviste	34	12	7	15	48	53	31
Olimpia	34	11	8	15	35	51	30
Gloria	34	4	7	23	22	60	15

POLAND
Final standing

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Szombierki	30	16	7	7	42	26	39
Widzew	30	13	10	7	47	39	36
Legia	29	14	8	7	38	30	36 (−1)
Slask	30	15	6	9	40	35	36
Wisla	30	15	4	11	58	37	34
Gurnik	30	10	12	8	36	38	32
Arka	30	13	5	12	35	32	31
Odra	30	10	11	9	21	26	31
Lech	30	12	6	12	34	32	30
LKS	29	10	10	9	37	40	30 (−1)
Ruch	30	11	7	12	44	42	29
Zaglebie	30	10	7	13	36	33	27
Stal	30	7	12	11	28	34	26
Zawisza	30	8	8	14	35	52	24
Katowice	30	7	7	16	32	44	21
Polonia	30	3	10	17	23	47	16

To play: Legia v. LKS

EAST GERMANY
Final standing

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Dynamo Berlin	26	20	3	3	72	15	43
Dynamo Dresden	26	20	2	4	65	23	42
Carl Zeiss	26	13	6	7	41	24	32
FC Magdeburg	26	12	6	8	45	37	30
Vorvärts	26	11	8	7	41	40	30
Lokomotive	26	11	7	8	50	34	29
Chemie Halle	26	12	4	10	38	37	26
Sachsenring	26	9	4	13	27	42	22
Karl-Marx-Stadt	26	7	7	12	27	27	21
Wismuth	26	8	4	14	26	42	20
Stahl	26	5	10	11	22	53	20
Rot-Weiss	26	6	6	14	33	38	18
Union	26	6	4	16	18	44	16
Chemie Leipzig	26	4	7	15	21	58	15

WEST HAM IN EURO CUP ROW

by Graham Nickless

ENGLISH FA Cup winners West Ham, Spanish League and Cup champions Real Madrid, Spanish Cup finalists Castilla and Irish champions Limerick were involved in an incredulous mix-up with UEFA last month.

The result of which, at the time of going to Press, neither club knew the venues for their opening matches in Europe in September's First Round ties.

The long-standing argument all started at the European Cup draws in Madrid when Real Madrid and their nursery club, Castilla, were both drawn to play at home at their Bernabeau Stadium in the Champions Cup and Cup-winners' Cup respectively.

Cup winners and Spanish champions, Real Madrid were scheduled to meet League of Ireland champions, Limerick, while losing Cup finalists Castilla drew West Ham on the same day at the same stadium.

UEFA acted immediately and ordered West Ham to stage their European first leg match at their Upton Park headquarters instead of Spain.

This move annoyed the Second Division side as they were losing home advantage in the second leg, but were powerless to argue against the decision as there is no right of appeal.

Limerick, meanwhile, had arranged a "Gentlemen's agreement" with Real Madrid to stage the first leg in Ireland without the consent of UEFA.

The Irish minnows felt they would attract a far bigger crowd by holding the home tie first, and Real Madrid were only too pleased to oblige.

But Limerick chairman Michael Webb, who praised Real Madrid for their support in the move, received a nasty shock when he phoned UEFA and was sternly told that the match must go ahead in Spain, and not Ireland in the first leg.

On hearing UEFA's decision, Real Madrid immediately contacted West Ham explaining that they wanted to revert their fixture to Ireland. The English club instantly sent a telex to UEFA to that effect hoping that the European hiearchy would alter the draw yet again.

West Ham manager John Lyall was, not surprisingly, confused by the whole episode although he was keeping his fingers crossed that his team would eventually get the first leg in Spain.

"As it stands now I don't know where we will be playing but I can tell you that there will definitely be two matches against Castilla," he quipped.

Lyall confessed he knew very little of his Spanish opponents apart from that they had several talented youngsters who could one day step up into the club's senior team.

Last season both Castilla and West Ham caused quite a few shocks in their countries by reaching respective Cup Finals, but while the Spanish team went down 6-1 to their sister club, the Hammers were beating Arsenal 1-0 with a Trevor Brooking goal in their big match.

"We must get our heads down and make sure there are no problems against Castilla," Lyall added. "I have been informed that we could be facing a crowd of 60,000 out there in Spain, so we must expect a rough ride.

"However, we must make sure this doesn't happen by hammering in a few goals against them at home."

Lyall, normally a placid manager, was far from pleased when UEFA first announced that they had to play in Spain in the first leg.

But that was before Real Madrid and Limerick intervened.

Limerick, facing European competition for the first time in their club's history, would rather play Real Madrid at home first to guarantee a far bigger gate.

If they do have to travel to Spain in the opening leg they could suffer a sizeable defeat thus deterring Irish supporters to watch the second leg.

Real Madrid, meanwhile, know full well that they can go to Ireland with the sound knowledge of whatever happens there, they will be in a position to put things right in front of their fanatical fans back home.

Limerick players, officials and fans were delighted by the draw when it was first made in Madrid.

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HOLLAND by Jan Herman de Bruijn

HANGOVER HITS DUTCH

HOLLAND is preparing for the 1980-81 season with a hangover!

Their results in the European Championship means that their role as a leading soccer nation is over, at least for sometime.

The consensus of opinion in Holland is that the 1980 European Championship side did not play very well, but the defeat became hard to bear as Holland — at least — tried to play football.

The common feeling was that the countries who played positive football — England, Spain, Greece and Holland — were punished by doing so.

In a leading article, the editor of Holland's big soccer newspaper, *Voetbal International,* raised the question: Isn't it time to leave the system without a sweeper (1-3-3-3, or even 1-3-4-2) and revert back to the less safe, but much more spectacular 4-2-4 line-up? Not only for the national side but for the domestic club sides.

Every year, on average, less people are coming to watch Dutch League matches. In the 1975-76 season a total of 3,297,000 supporters watched football in the Dutch League grounds which works out at an average of 10,775 per match.

However, last season, a total of 2,988,000 watched League football, an average of 9,765 per match. These figures are also not proportionate, Feyenoord's good average gate (26,353 in a 63,000 capacity stadium) and PSV Eindhoven (with 20,294 in a 29,000 capacity stadium) influenced the overall total.

Other teams such as NEC Nijmegen (6,176), FC Den Haag (6,056), Sparta Rotterdam (6,000), Excelsior Rotterdam (5,588) and the relegated Haarlem (5,294) attracted very poor gates.

For the forthcoming season, Ajax have made the most changes in their side. The Dutch striker Piet Hamberg, previously with Servette Geneva in Switzerland, has replaced Moluccan born Simon Tahamata, who has joined Standard Luik of Belgium.

Dutch international record holder with 74 caps, Rudi Krol, now with Vancouver Whitecaps, has been replaced by Danish international Steen Ziegler.

Ziegler played for some years in Holland with Roda JC Kerkrade, but left last year after failing to agree terms.

The unimpressive performances of international goalkeeper Piet Schrijvers has led to Ajax buying a new goalkeeper, Hans Galje of FC Den Haag for £130,000.

PSV Eindhoven have also lost their goalkeeper, Jan van Beveren, to Fort Lauderdale Strikers and bought 37-year-old Pim Doesburg as a replacement.

Doesburg, the Dutch national reserve goalkeeper, played in Eindhoven some 13 years ago. However, his club Sparta sold him because they believed their youth-team goalkeeper van Beveren was better. Two years later in 1970, Doesburg returned to Sparta, because PSV preferred Van Beveren, and again he is taking the place of one of Holland's best ever goalkeepers.

PSV have also lost international Rene van der Kerkhof, attracted by the lira of AS Roma, and have failed to sign Dick Nanninga, the scorer of Holland's only goal in the 1978 World Cup final. Nanninga, now with Roda JC Kerkrade, was priced at £130,000 but in the eyes of PSV that was too much for a player of 32.

The third 'big Dutch club', Cup winners Feyenoord Rotterdam, also lost another player to foreign shores. International defender Michel van der Korput has gone to play in Italy but Feyenoord have bought Luuk Balkenstein, a one-time international with Sparta Rotterdam.

Sparta's English coach Barry Hughes, who starred in the opening titles of ITV's Sunday afternoon football programme 'The Big Match', has bought two English players . . . striker David Loggie from York and defender Peter Robinson from Burnley.

Another player from the English League who is doing well in Holland is Jimmy Calderwood. He joined Sparta from Birmingham last season but has signed for Willem Tilburg.

After Dutchman Geert Meyer left England for Holland, also to Sparta, another Dutch player is back in town. Leen de Goey left Sheffield United for GO Ahead Eagles Deventer.

Ajax Amsterdam skipper Rudd Krol is chased by Forest striker Gary Birtles.

BALKAN NEWS by Sloboban Vasic

Yugoslavia joins the 'bribery' scandals

AFTER the bribery scandals in Italy, Spain and Greece, Yugoslavia have become another country faced with bribery problems.

The latest rounds in all levels of competition were marked with matches which finished with sensational score-lines such as 22-0 and 19-0 etc. And two very important matches were abandoned because of attacks on the referee.

In Belgrade the Red Star versus Osijek match was abandoned after 35 minutes when the Osijek players attacked the referee with Red Star holding a 3-0 lead. The match was crucial to Osijek who needed a point for League survival.

The top-of-the-table clash in the Second Division, Group East, match between OFK Beograd and home side FC Pristina was abandoned after 86 minutes with OFK Beograd leading 2-0 but it was not enough to give Beograd promotion because their rivals Radnicki of Kragujevac had a superior goal difference. However, if the abandoned match is registered by the FA with an official result of 3-0 to OFK Beograd, it will give them promotion.

Top League scorers were Dragoljub Kostic of Napredak and Safet Susic from Sarajevo with 17 goals.

The teams relegated were Celik and Osijek and the promoted sides were NK Zagreb and Radnicki Kragujevac or OFK Beograd. FC Sarajevo proved to be the most pleasant surprise of the season because three of their best players left the side before the start of the League programme and most fans tipped Sarajevo for relegation.

The 28th International Under-18 Tournament "Kvarnerska Rivijera" was held on the Adriatic Coast recently.

Twenty-four teams took part from Yugoslavia, Romania, Italy, with the national Under-18 sides from Iraq and Japan.

In the final Hajduk beat Juventus 3-2 and in the match for third and fourth place FC Sarajevo beat another Italian side Lanerosi Vicenza 5-0.

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THE Romanian championship has finished with FC Universitatea from Craiova taking the title thanks to a better goal difference over FC Steaua.

However, in the last round some strange results came out of the relegation battle. Before the last round two teams looked like, escaping relegation. FC ASA from Trgu Mures had a goal difference of —8 and FC Trgoviste had a goal difference of — 9 with the same amount of points.

In the last round FC Trgoviste won their home match 5-1 but ASA, not wishing to risk anything scored seven, relegating FC Trgoviste!

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The Bulgarian national side beat Finland 2-0 in a World Cup 1982 qualifying match with Markov (28 minutes) and Kostadinov (81 minutes) as scorers.

FC Tomori from the Albanian First Division drew 1-1 with Yugoslav Second Division side Trepca in a friendly with the goals coming from Akim of Tomori and Martac for Trepca.

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GKS Szombierski, the little club from the province City of Bytom, proved to be the biggest surprise of the championship in Poland.

GKS, without any famous names, shook all of the big clubs by winning the 1979-80 championship three points clear of Widzew, Legia and Slask. It is GKS's first ever Polish championship victory.

FC Legia won the Polish FA cup beating Lech from Poznan 5-0 in the final. Widew and Slask will be Poland's representatives in the UEFA Cup.

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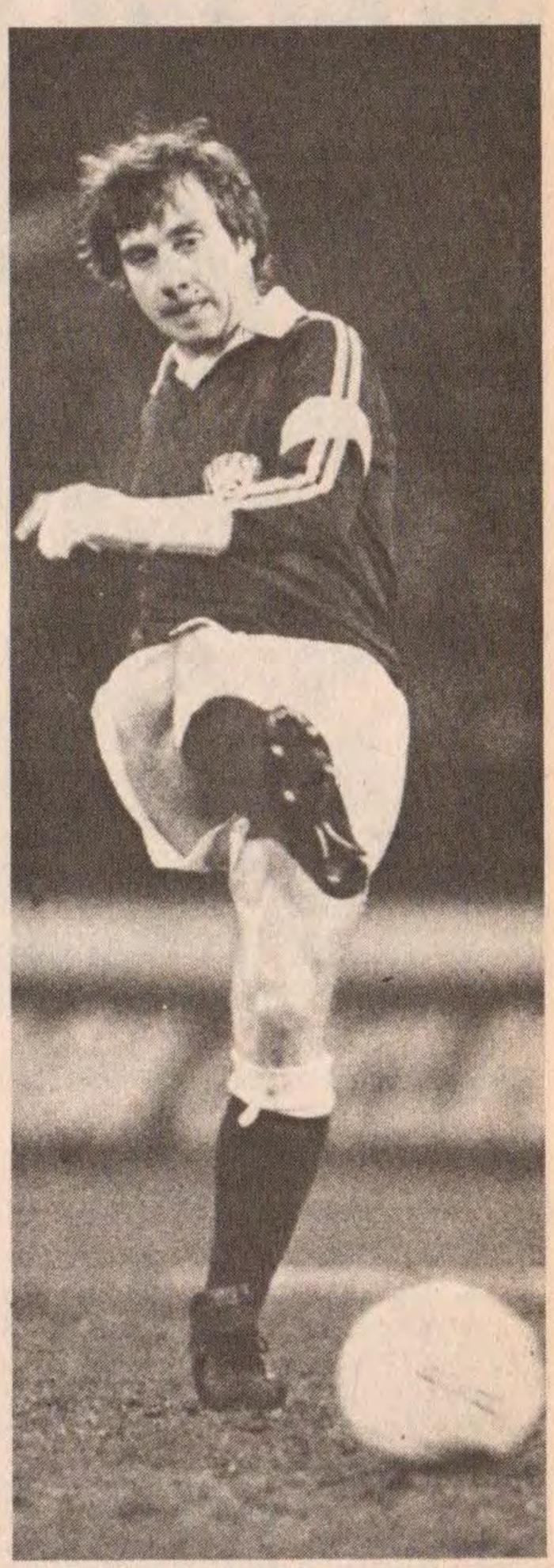
IN East Germany FC Dynamo from Berlin won their second championship one point ahead of Dynamo Dresden.

In the very last round the Berliners beat the visitors from Dresden 1-0 at home which proved enough to win the title.

FC Carl Zeiss Jena won the FA Cup beating Rot Wiess from Erfurt 3-1 after extra time. Dynamo Dresden, FC Magdeburg and Vorvarts will be entering the UEFA Cup.



Reinard Lauck of Dynamo Berlin.

Branko Stankovic, manager of Red Star.

European Championship review by Keir Radnedge

EUROPE KNOWS WHO IS BOSS!

WHATEVER the feelings of different fans in different countries, Europe now knows who's the boss.

West Germany are European champions, and Belgium — against almost all the predictions — are No. 2. End-of-the-year statistics may not show them in that sort of light — for example, Yugoslavia are going through a purple patch — but the Belgians earned their high placing in Italy.

They were flavoured of course by the tournament format which played into the hands of their offside trap, just as England and Italy did; once the Belgians had grabbed two points against Spain they were in the happy position of knowing they could do virtually nothing wrong.

The Germans were favoured too — by the way the fixtures fell. In the first match they faced a Czech team low on confidence, were able to open out in attacking style against the Dutch and then scraped their all-important point against the Greeks.

But what both the Germans and Belgians demonstrated was the importance of a squad so well-integrated, or players so well disciplined, that the only changes necessary were for tactical reasons — and, most important, were made confident of their success.

Just as the Germans opened with only two strikers against the Czechs, so Jupp Derwall was able to shrug off criticism of Klaus Allofs in the knowledge that, with two points in the bag from the opening game, he could open out his team to provide Allofs with the ideal hit-man in Hrubesch.

To what effect was demonstrated in the way Allofs then grabbed all three goals against Holland! — And with four points assured, Derwall could then afford to rest Dietz, Allofs and Schuster against the Greeks and spare any risk of their collecting a second booking to stop them playing in the final.

Tactical perfection. . . .

In just the same way, Belgium's wily Guy Thys varied his 4-4-2 tactics depending on the opposition. In the first two games he used Francois Van der Elst in midfield, hoping that his speedy bursts upfield would discomfit the English and Spanish defences.

Then, against Italy, he left out star centre-forward Erwin Van den Bergh, introducing the defensive midfielder Raymond Mommens, only a late inclusion in the squad. The Belgians battled away to soak up the Italians in midfield, defended their penalty area brilliantly, and were suddenly in the final.

As Thys said later: Who were the Italians to complain about defensive opponents?

For the final Thys needed to include Mommens again to help stifle the German threat through Briegel and Schuster on the flanks in midfield. But in so doing, Thys was handing the initiative to a team far more skilled in the art of conventional attack than the Italians.

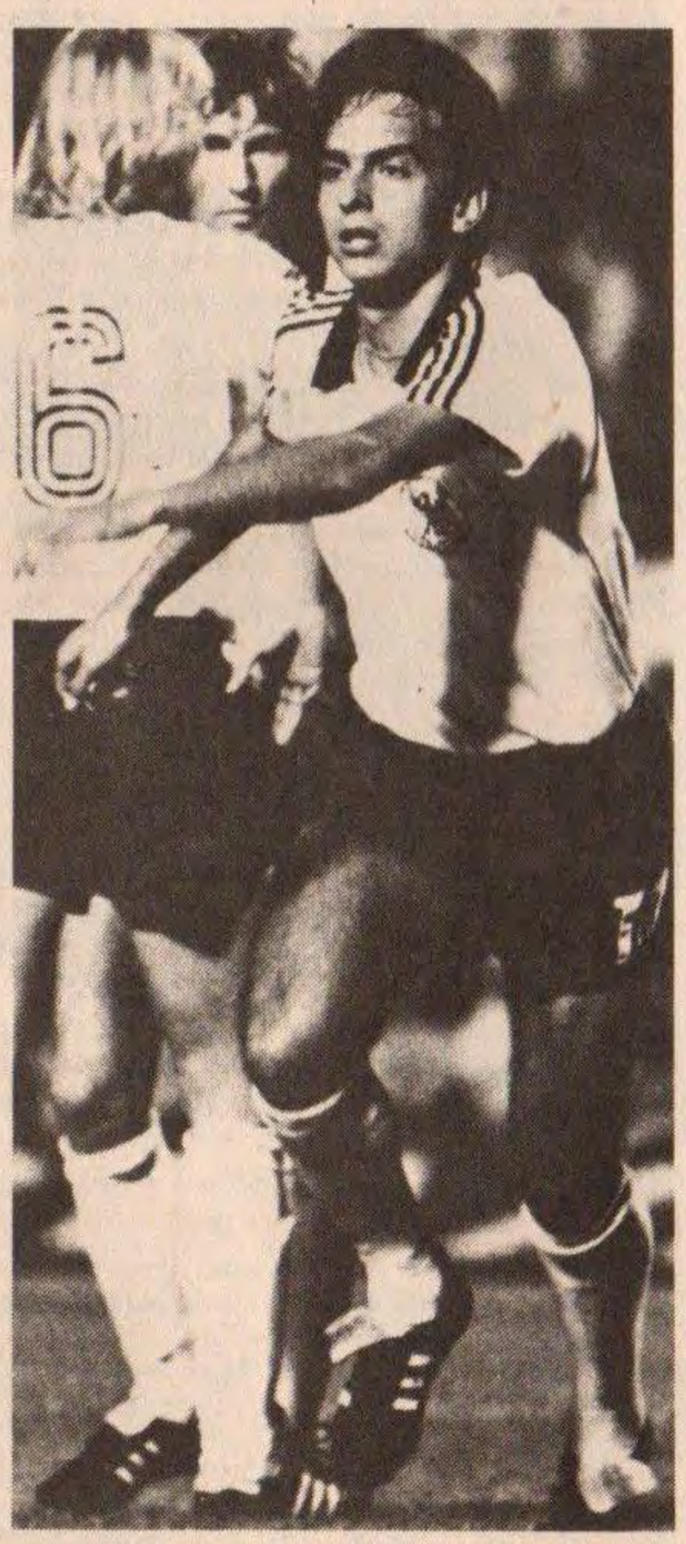
Even so, the Belgians played their part in making the final the most memorable game of the championships.

These were the players . . .

WEST GERMANY

HARALD SCHUMACHER. Goalkeeper. Köln. 25 years — seven caps. Tony Woodcock's team-mate and a little fortunate to go to Italy as No. 1. Last summer's car crash forced the retirement of Sepp Maier, then Schalke's Norbert Nigbur needed a cartilage operation this spring. Schumacher, eight years with Köln, played the final with a badly sprained wrist — the result of an injury in training the previous evening and kept secret until after the final.

MANFRED KALTZ. Right-back. Hamburg. 27 — 40. Probably the best attacking full-back in Europe, though John Robertson showed he isn't so brilliant in defence. Outstanding during Hamburg's Champions' Cup run, he scored twice in the 5-1 win over Real Madrid. Played in Argentina in the 1978 World Cup as sweeper, a role he didn't much like. It was at his own request that he wore the No. 20 in Italy — though it brought mixed luck, for while he was playing, his home was being burgled.



Hansi Muller of West Germany.

KARL-HEINZ FÖRSTER. Stopper. Stuttgart. 21—17. Younger of the two brothers in the squad. Karl was the first to break into the national team and appears a long-term fixture. A key figure in the Stuttgart revival, translated his domestic success to international level thanks to a brilliant game against Ceulemans in the final.

ULI STIELIKE: Sweeper. Real Madrid. 25—14. Left Borussia Mg for Madrid after the 1977 Champions' Cup Final and was told by Helmut Schoen that he would never play for West Germany while abroad. So Stielike didn't bother having a release clause in his contract. After 1978, however, new boss Derwall altered policy — and then found problems getting Stielike released. Hard and skilful but also injury-prone. Has just signed a new three-year contract with Madrid where he plays in midfield. Acclaimed the best foreigner in Spain this past season. Gave away the penalty against Belgium, though his foul on Van der Elst appeared outside the box.

BERNARD DIETZ. Left-back. Captain of West Germany. MSC Duisburg. 32 — 45. Paul Breitner's move to Spain in 1974 allowed Dietz to take over at left-back. Joined MSV from Bochum-Hövel. Was rested from the game against Greece so as not to run the risk of a second booking.

HANS-PETER BRIEGEL. Midfield. Kaiserslautern. 24 — 8. A promising decathlete as a teenager who has demonstrated his versatility as a footballer by playing equally successfully in midfield and defence. Neat control and speed for a big man, he used these finals to establish himself as an international. Joined Kaiserslautern from Rodenbach in 1975. It was when injury forced him out of the final early in the second half that the Germans lost their grip.

BERND CULLMANN. Midfield or sweeper. Köln. 30 — 40. Appeared as substitute for Briegel in the final after being dropped following the first game against Czechoslovakia, when he was caught out several times as sweeper. Had been Derwall's first-choice sweeper for 18 months, though he plays midfield for Köln.

HANSI MÜLLER. Midfield. Stuttgart. 22 — 21. Played briefly in the 1978 World Cup Finals, but was too inexperienced for his own good. Now the rising star of the Bundesliga and a controversial one. A row with his coach at Stuttgart saw him dropped from the national team this spring, then recalled because of injury to score the only goal in the win against Austria. Has signed a new contract at Stuttgart, but the Italians are still dreaming . . . Müller, in fact, has an Italian mother.

BERND SCHUSTER. Midfield. Köln. 20 — 9. The revelation of the finals. Can play in midfield or as sweeper and was once praised as a boy who combines a touch of

World Soccer in demand

IN one sense at least England are European champions.

***World Soccer* was the most in-demand of football magazines at the finals in Italy, particularly among radio, TV, newspaper and magazine men all desperate for the authoritative background service provided in *World Soccer's* June issue.**

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Beckenbauer, Overath and Schnellinger. In fact, played only twice in the finals, against Holland and Belgium — and starred each time.

KARL-HEINZ RUMMENIGGE. Right-side striker. Bayern Munich. 24—35. Joined Bayern in 1974, but after an early run lost form and wasn't even a substitute for the 1975 Champions' Cup win over Leeds. Improved by leaps and bounds under Dettmar Cramer, but was surprisingly shackled to a midfield role during the 1978 World Cup Finals. Was the league's top scorer with 26 goals this past season to lift Bayern to the title. Another striker who never quite lived up to his reputation in Italy.

HORST HRUBESCH. Centre-forward. Hamburg. 29—5. Called up only after Klaus Fischer's leg fracture this spring. Scored 20 goals in the league and led Hamburg to the Champions' Cup Final. But his ankle injury the previous weekend proved costly. He played only a hobbling second half against Madrid and had to wait for the final in Italy for his two-goal moments of glory.

KLAUS ALLOFS. Striker. Fortuna Düsseldorf. 23 — 14. Lively attacking player, happier hanging back than playing as target man. Was the league's top scorer with 22 goals in 1979 and played a vital role in Fortuna's Cup-winners' Cup run as well as helping them win the Cup this past season.

BELGIUM

JEAN-MARIE PFAFF. Goalkeeper. Beveren. 26 — 18. Belgian top player two years ago for his form in captaining unrated Beveren to the league title. Nearly went to a Spanish club last summer. Inconsistent form at the start of this past season cost him his national team place and he regained it only on the strength of his second half against Romania in Belgium's last warm-up . . . and his ability in the air. First class against England, and brilliant against Italy and West Germany.

ERIC GERETS. Right-back. Standard Liege. 26 — 27. Former centre-forward who switched to defence six years ago. Signed in 1973 for Standard from a local club in Limbourg — Standard's favourite scouting area. Rated one of the two best full-backs in Europe by Enzio Bearzot.

LUC MILLECAMPS. Centre-back. Waregem. 29—13. Elder of two brothers both in the Belgian squad. Waregem has been his only senior club. Worked the offside trap with extreme efficiency in Italy.

WALTER MEEUWS. Centre-back. Bruges. 29—13. Was recalled to the national team at the start of the season after a lengthy absence and despite being uncertain of his first-team place with his club — who have, since, with him as much in midfield as defence, won the championship. Displayed great organisational talent and no little skill in the finals as well as setting up a wonderful goal for Gerets against Spain.

Wilfried Van Moer of Belgium.

MICHEL RENQUIN. Left-back. Standard Liege. 25 — 24. One of the most successful products of the Standard youth programme. Can play left-back or stopper and improved steadily in Italy to play his best game in the final itself.

RENE VAN DER EYCKEN. Midfield. Bruges. 27—25. Made his reputation as a free-scoring midfielder in Bruges' 1976 UEFA Cup run and 1978 Champions' Cup progress. Hasn't developed as well as had been hoped, but worked valiantly throughout the finals and, of course, converted the penalty in the final.

WILFRIED VAN MOER. Midfield. Beringen. 35—46. Won his first cap almost 15 years ago, while with Standard Liege. Played in the 1970 World Cup Finals in Mexico but in the next European Championship suffered against Italy the broken leg which almost ended his career. Recalled in a successful gamble by Thys last autumn to run the midfield.

JULIEN COOLS. Midfield. Captain of Belgium. Beerschot. 33—35. Was Bruges' best player in the 1978 Champions' Cup Final against Liverpool, but two years later was virtually given away to Beerschot. Scored the winner against Spain to underline his new lease of life.

RAYMOND MOMMENS. Midfield. Lokeren. 21 — 5. Had played only once, in a 'dead' World Cup qualifier against Northern Ireland more than two years ago, before being called into the squad late by Thys. Rewarded his manager with his well-disciplined football both when called on as substitute (twice) and twice from the start.

FRANCOIS VAN DER ELST. Midfield/attack. New York Cosmos. 26 — 34. One of Europe's liveliest forwards, scoring twice for Anderlecht when they beat West Ham in the 1976 Cup-winners' Cup Final. Can play as well at right-back and in midfield. Loyalty to Anderlecht was such that he even had his house painted in their mauve and blue colours before his end-of-season sale to Cosmos for £500,000.

JAN CEULEMANS. Striker. Bruges. 23 — 18. One of the outstanding players of the finals. Strong, powerful and possessing a hard shot. Scored Belgium's quick-fire equaliser against England and kept Italy's defenders fully occupied in the last group game. Only ran out of steam in the final. Has succeeded the Lions of Flanders, Raoul Lambert, as the Bruges fans' hero. Second top scorer in Belgium last season with 29 goals behind his old Lierse club-mate, Erwin Van den Bergh.

Official attendances for the European Finals:

First round:
Spain v Italy 51,917 — Milan
Greece v Holland 14,990 — Naples
Czechoslovakia v W. Germany 11,059 — Rome.
Belgium v England 15,186 — Turin

Second round:
Spain v Belgium 11,430 — Milan
W. Germany v Holland 26,546 — Naples
Czechoslovakia v Greece 4,726 — Rome
Italy v England 59,649 — Turin

Third round:
Czechoslovakia v Holland 11,889 — Milan
Spain v England 14,430 — Naples
Italy v Belgium 38,939 — Rome
W. Germany v Greece 13,901 — Turin

Third place game:
Czechoslovakia v Italy 24,652 — Naples

Final:
W. Germany v Belgium 47,864 — Rome
Average attendance: 24,840

1986 World Cup ...

ALMOST exactly 10 years after Colombia was awarded the 1986 World Cup finals its parliament will start studying the feasibility of staging the tournament during its session starting on July 21.

A decision will be taken before the end of the year — or earlier it is hoped — but a study to be presented to parliament (which will ultimately have to assign money for the tournament) shows that it will be possible to stage the event for not more than $70 million, but with only 16 finalists — the number at the time Colombia asked for and got the tournament. Argument has been raging for years inside and outside Colombia whether the country is in a position to stage the tournament.

Meanwhile South African national teams continue their preparation for the 1982 World Cup preliminary rounds next year.

•BRAZIL, under new coach Tele Santana, started less than auspiciously with matches in Rio de Janeiro against Mexico and the Soviet Union, beating the former unconvincingly by 2-0 and surprisingly losing 2-1 to the latter. The series of internationals at home — continuing at press-time — were also to celebrate the 10th anniversary of Brazil winning their last World Cup in Mexico.

Facing Mexico without organiser-in-chief Zico — on tour at the time with his Brazilian champion Flamengo in Europe — Brazil only showed some of their usual soccer in the second half when Ze Sergio and Serginho scored. Brazil were slow and disorganised in the first half and only after the interval did strikers Paulo Isidoro, Serginho and Socrates make some impression on the Mexican defence.

The defeat on June 15 by the Russian team preparing for the Olympics spoilt another celebration at Rio's Maracana stadium which had been inaugurated 30 years earlier for the World Cup finals and it also failed to wipe out the memory of that other surprise defeat by the same score when Uruguay won the World Cup against Brazil in the final.

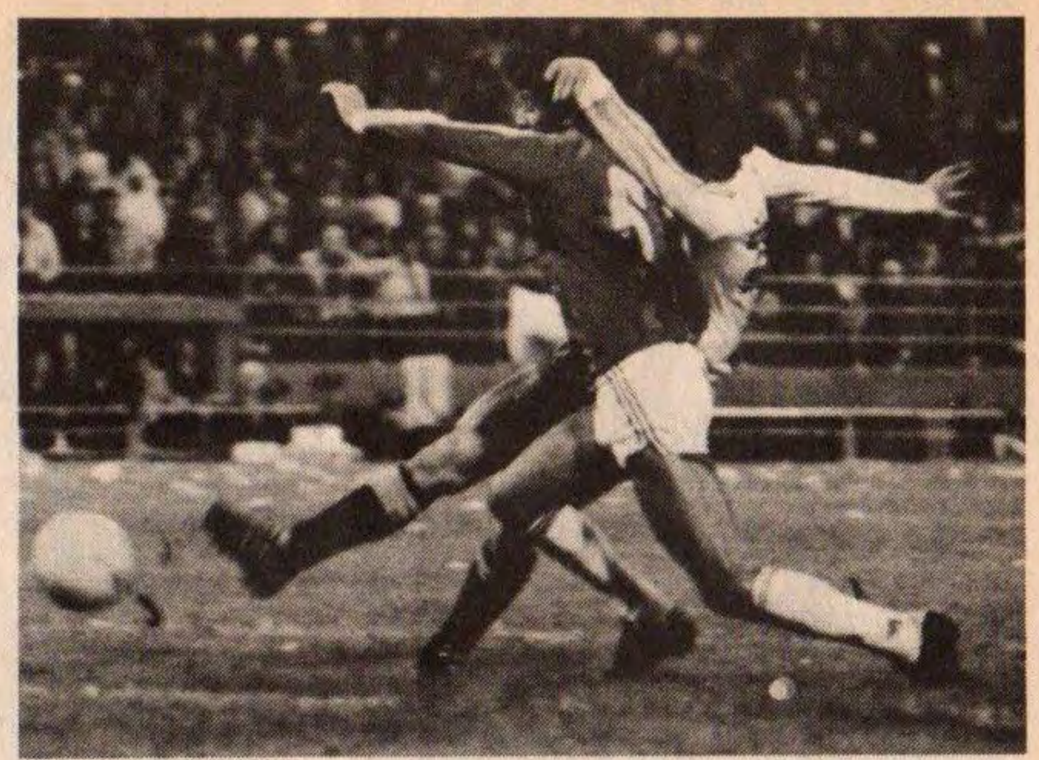
The Soviet Union gained their first-ever victory over Brazil with faster play. Brazil were again uncharacteristically slow, made many mistakes and several of their players were well below form. Nunes put Brazil ahead after 22 minutes and it might have been a different story if Zico had not missed a penalty. Cherenkov equalised and Andreev netted the winner all before half-time.

•COLOMBIA, under Argentine coach Carlos Bilardo, is playing a series of friendly matches all over South America, but the most significant results came in a tournament in Caracas where they drew 1-1 with Spanish champions Real Madrid and lost, perhaps unfairly, by 1-0 against Portugal's Benfica. With major league soccer being played in towns all over Colombia, Bilardo finds it difficult to get his players together for coaching, but more importance is being given to the national team by soccer authorities than before and the frequent matches are paying dividends.

•PERU — one of Colombia's rivals in the World Cup preliminary group (Uruguay is the other) — have a new selection committee following the resignation of the previous one as a result of the frustrated signing of Argentine coach Carlos Cavagnaro to take charge of the national team (see last month's *World Soccer*), but they still have no coach.

One possible candidate, Juan Chiarella, who coached the moderately successful junior team in last year's South American junior championship, is wanted by the police (and missing) for his part in the falsifying of players' documents which made them young enough to participate in the junior tournament. Whoever finally gets the job is not going to find it easy to get a good team together due to the lack of outstanding players in Peru at the moment.

•VENEZUELA, in the early stages of preparation for qualifying matches against Brazil and Bolivia, crashed 8-0 to Real Madrid. Earlier they had beaten 1-0 and drawn 2-2 with Panama, but they must still rank as outsiders in any South American competition.



Tonho (foreground) gets past Velez Sarsfield's Damiano to score the goal which gave Brazil's Internacional a 1-0 victory on the Argentine team's ground in the Libertadores Cup semi-finals.

DOUBTS TO BE DISPELLED SOON

Libertadores Cup

FEW GOALS, POOR TEAMS IN SEMI-FINALS

FIVE matches in the two semi-final groups of the Libertadores Cup at press-time had only brought four goals and poor play. The latter, at least, was understandable. Most of the teams in this stage of the competition, which is for the country's top two teams of the previous year, were going through a slump.

Olimpia, the cup holders who had a bye into the semi-finals, had only recently started moving off the bottom of the Paraguayan first division table after selling some of last year's players and they were still only sixth in the 10-club championship. Chile's O'Higgins, surprise semi-finalists, were 6th at home.

Velez Sarsfield were struggling against relegation two places from the bottom of the 19-team Argentine first division and Colombian champions America were 10th of 14 clubs at home. Brazilian champions Internacional failed to reach the final stages of this year's domestic championship and had key player Falcao out injured for their first cup match, leaving only Uruguay's Nacional in form and topping their first division.

Penetration

Velez Sarsfield's attack lacks penetration and they are finding it exceedingly difficult to score lately. That is why they lost their opening semi-final group one encounter at home against Internacional after pressing for most of the way. Their good, if unproductive, play detriorated towards the end however — desperation set in — and Tonho scored the only goal for the Brazilians nine minutes from the end.

Defensively Velez Sarsfield are sound, however, and they withstood continual pressure from America in Cali to walk away with a 0-0 draw which, under the circumstances, was not good enough. Both teams began playing nervously, but the early sending off of America's Reyes and Velez's Damiano by Uruguayan referee Ramon Barreto avoided what might have turned into a rough match.

Two 1-0 away victories for Nacional in group two make the Uruguayan team firm favourites to reach the final of the Libertadores Cup which they have won once before — in 1971. Both match-winning goals were scored by winger Dardo Perez.

Nacional started out defensively to play for a point against O'Higgins in Chile, but they became more adventurous when they realised the weaknesses of their rivals. Perez's goal came after 24 minutes play and O'Higgins' feeble attack never looked like equalising.

Olimpia started the defence of the trophy in promising fashion by also winning 1-0 away to O'Higgins — deservedly although Talavera's goal came only six minutes from the end. There was no doubt about Olimpia's superiority, individually and collectively, but they did not impress as much as Nacional had done there earlier.

It was not so surprising therefore when Nacional then won in Asunción by the same score. Playing a defensive and counter-attack game, they would probably have been well satisfied with a draw, but Perez scored yet another late goal in this semi-final stage — seven minutes from the end — in yet another fast counter attack.

HUNGARY by Leslie Vernon

OLD AND THE NEW

A HUNGARIAN newspaper published two photographs side-by-side recently. The first depicted the championship winning Honved team of twenty-five years ago, the second, the current side, which captured the trophy for the first time since those glorious days in the club's history.

One picture features such footballing immortals as Puskas, Grosics, Kocsis and Bozsik, the other, the less glamourous heroes of the present day.

The only person to appear on both pictures is Lajos Tichy – in the 50s a goalscoring centre-forward, now the club's manager. No wonder that the championship victory gave him immense satisfaction, and he spoke with pride: "We aimed at the title from the beginning of the race. Our plans were realistic considering the strength of our own squad and that of the opposition. I am very pleased that everybody, without exception, did his best in order to achieve our target. The older players, like Kozma and Kocsis, realised that this might be their last chance to collect gold medals and to play in the European Cup.

"The younger ones regarded it as a milestone in their careers. We haven't got star players or even many class players, but we have a bunch of good honest workers."

Who were the regulars in this Honved side? Here is the team that clinched the title by beating Volan 5-2 in the 32nd round. Menyhart – Paroczai, Kocsis, Lukacs, Varga – Dajka, Nagy, Garaba – Bodonyi, Eszterhazi, Kozma. Goalkeeper Gujdar, midfielders Pinter and Pal, Weimper and Gyimesi have also been regular members of the team, which deserved their triumph through their sheer consistency.

Videoton, who beat Honved 1-0 in the penultimate match, looked a certainty for the runners-up post, but they foolishly lost their last match at Volan, and both Ujpest and Vasas overtook them to grab UEFA Cup places.

Tatabanya finished fifth, and Ferencvaros had to be satisfied with a disappointing sixth place. As it was obvious for a long time, MAV Elore, STC and Pecsi VSK were the relegated teams, and their places will be taken by Nyiregyhaza, Csepel and Kaposvar.

Unbeaten

To demonstrate Honved's consistency, it is enough to point out that they remained unbeaten in the "Nepstadion" double-headers, and that they collected 15 points in the provinces in 12 matches – two more than Dozsa and five more than Vasas! Dozsa had a very good spring campaign, the return of Torocsik certainly made a big difference in the lilac-and-white camp.

The managerial merry-go-round started earlier than usual, due to the appointment of former Vasas boss Kalman Meszoly as national team manager. His second-in-command is Gyorgy Mezei (ex-MTK), and the two vacancies are filled by Dezso Bundzsak who goes to Vasas, and Antal Szentmihalyi who takes over MTK-VM.

The latter's place at Tatabanya goes to Dr. Karoly Lakat, and Ferencvaros also have a new boss in the person of their distinguished ex-player Dezso Novak, who has done such a good job at Dunaujvaros. In addition to this internal upheaval, there is the news that Lajos Baroti, doyen of the Hungarian managers, is Benfica-bound, after signing a two-year's contract with the Portuguese club.

The "Player of the Year" title went to Laszlo Fazekas, scorer of 36 goals, and consequently the winner of the "Adidas" silver shoe award. Fazekas, who finished second behind Van Der Bergh and just ahead of Schachner, is moving to Antwerp, and two other Hungarian veteran internationals, Muller and Salamon, were also given permission to sign for a foreign club.

Elaborate plans are being made to prepare the national squad for the World Cup qualifiers, which – as far as Hungary are concerned – do not start until 1981! But in the autumn, 20 rounds of the new League campaign will be played-off to leave plenty of elbow room for preparations, and there will also be around 20 warm-up matches (!) before the team's first competitive game against Switzerland next April.

Sweden, Russia and Spain will come to Budapest to play friendlies, and in October, Hungary will travel to Vienna to play the "old enemy", Austria, in the traditional clash of neighbours. The national team will also play a host of matches against club opposition from abroad.

Just to remind readers, the Magyars are drawn with England, Romania, Switzerland and Norway in the same World Cup group with, of course, two to qualify for Spain 1982. Not an impossible task, and currently, the mood is optimistic. A great deal is expected of Meszoly, whose thoroughness is legendary, and who is a great motivator. We shall see . . . But traditionally, Hungarian football should be good enough to reach a 24-strong World Cup Final!

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OLD VERNON

Ray Kennedy in action for Liverpool against Aston Villa's Ivor Linton last season.

compiled by Leslie Vernon

HOPE springs eternal, and we always expect the coming football season to be better than the previous one. But more realistically, past experience teaches us that things hardly ever improve, and after the recent dismal European Championship, not to mention the various European competition Finals, I harbour a great deal of anxiety for the future of the game. Nevertheless, for those of you who have money to burn, here are my not-too-inspired forecasts for the forthcoming season in the usual yearly Old Vernon's Almanac form.

AUGUST

Liverpool beat West Ham in the Charity Shield match at Wembley. The crowd is well behaved — only 32 people are arrested. Stan Bowles says Orient are certainties for promotion. Malcolm Allison splashes out over £1 million for Kenny Sansom, and puts half of last year's purchases on the transfer list. Terry McDermott says that he would like to finish his career on the Continent — no foreign club is interested. The opening day of the League sees the introduction of the new revolutionary 4-5-1 system. There is only one forward playing up-front, while the midfield is over-populated with "workers" whose job is to smother the opposition. As we have seen in Italy, this is a stunningly boring ploy, but can be effective . . .

SEPTEMBER

All the English clubs take their first European hurdles with ease. World Cup football at Wembley, where the regular England side defeat Norway. "We are back on the gold standard," proclaim the newspaper headlines. "British football is the best in the world, Spain '82 will be a triumph for our lads." Nottingham Forest are knocked out of the League Cup by Grimsby, and there are also other surprises in this competition. Alan Hudson comes home from America and looks for a club. Chelsea might offer him a contract. Derby, Newcastle and Luton lead the Second Division promotion race, while in the First, Liverpool, Forest and Ipswich are the front-runners. Manchester United make a £1½ million offer for Liam Brady, but Arsenal are not selling.

OCTOBER

Chelsea supporters cause a scandal at the Orient ground. They invade the pitch when the home team go ahead in the second-half, and the play is suspended for 10 minutes. Later, Chelsea are fined £1,000 by the FA Disciplinary Committee. Stan Bowles doesn't play in this match because he is in dispute with his new club. Stan says: "I can't get on with Jimmy Bloomfield, the manager. He wants me to turn up for training every day — on time! Under these circumstances, I can't give my best on the pitch." A much-changed England team draw a World Cup match in Bucharest against Rumania. "I am delighted, we are still unbeaten since the European Championship," says Ron Greenwood. Kevin Keegan stars in this match, and he is also a great success with Southampton, who are in a challenging position for a UEFA Cup place in the First Division.

NOVEMBER

Attendances are down in all four divisions due to the boring new defensive type of football. Jimmy Hill warns the nation: "Unless the entertainment value of our football improves, we are in grave danger of going out of business." The BBC's Sunday programmes are the talk of the game — every week they spotlight a controversial subject. ITV's Saturday football show follows the "Big Match" pattern, with three of the best games featured every week. Derek Dougan, who is working for Yorkshire TV, disagrees with Jimmy Hill. "Our League is still the best in the world." Leeds lose yet another home match and the crowd demonstrate against Jimmy Adamson. England play their third World Cup qualifying match — against Switzerland at Wembley. A much-changed side win 1-0 with a goal by Tony Woodcock. Ron Greenwood is pleased with the five points after three matches.

DECEMBER

Ray Kennedy says that he would like to continue his career on the Continent — no foreign club is interested. Allison puts the other half of his team on the transfer list — Manchester City are in the lower section of the table. Nottingham Forest lose at home to Crystal Palace. Brian Clough says: "There must be something wrong with the management, we must work harder or go somewhere else." Peter Taylor disagrees with him: "Our players deserve a kick up their backsides. It is their fault that we lost, it has nothing to do with the management." A referee books an entire "wall" during the Port Vale v Lincoln match because they wouldn't retreat when a free-kick was awarded. Later, the same referee

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is suspended for two months for "losing his grip" on the match. The players cautioned get away with two penalty points each recorded against them. Alan Hudson signs for Fulham — not for the Rugby league side!

JANUARY

The FA Cup opens with surprises four non-League clubs reach the Fourth Round. Tottenham beat Arsenal in the League at White Hart Lane — Glenn Hoddle outshines Brady and Rix. After the match, the young Tottenham star agrees to sign a new contract for the club, as they are showing signs of improvement. New striker Steve Archibald reaches double figures on the goal-scoring chart. Several clubs in the meantime revert to the conventional 4-4-2 formation and offer more entertaining football for their fans. Jimmy Adamson is sacked at Leeds, Jack Charlton is their new manager. West Ham are making progress in Division 2 — they are now strong promotion candidates alongside Derby, Luton and the improving Chelsea. Karl-Heinz Rummenigge is the new European Footballer of the Year.

FEBRUARY

Manchester City put in a bid for Rummenigge, but Bayern Munich are still in the European Cup and they are not interested. Allison turns his attention to Cyrille Regis, who is also wanted by QPR. There, Tommy Docherty hasn't made a move yet on the transfer market, but is now looking for a replacement for Clive Allen. Tommy Langley might move to Rangers from Chelsea. Snow and ice interrupt the League and Cup programme, and Ted Croker warns: "We might make it compulsory that the clubs should spend some money on pitch protection. These annual spates of postponements are a great inconvenience for the fans." His words are listened to with great attention, but only a few clubs make tentative enquiries about undersoil heating, "Leicester-type" balloons etc.

MARCH

Norwich draw at home against Middlesbrough, and John Bond is not happy about the refereeing. "We must do something about the officials," he said, ' "there is no uniformity. Players get away with murder one week, and are then punished severely for the slightest transgression a week later. All interested parties should get together and discuss this matter urgently." John Camkin, paid official of the Secretaries' and Managers' Association, agrees, and calls a meeting — to thrash out the problems. (In practice, nothing happens.) Jimmy Case says that he would like to continue his career on the Continent — no foreign club is interested. Crystal Palace win the League Cup at Wembley with the youngest team ever to take part in a Final. "We shall be the team of the future," says the jubilant Terry Venables. Both Forest and Liverpool reach the semi-final of the European Cup.

APRIL

An exciting finish in the Second Division. West Ham, Derby and Newcastle are promoted instead of the relegated Stoke, Birmingham and Brighton. Forest win the First Division championship, Liverpool are the runners-up. Ipswich, Arsenal and Southampton occupy the UEFA-Cup places. In Division Three, Alan Ball's Blackpool win the League, just ahead of Charlton and Huddersfield. Managers are sacked wholesale in all four divisions. . . .

MAY

Only 75,000 Scots turn up at Wembley for the England game. They stop the Underground running, they dismantle buses and cause the usual havoc in London's West End. "This is the last time that we play this fixture on a Saturday," says Ted Croker. England win 3-1. Forest and Liverpool contest the European Cup Final — in Paris. Attempts to switch the game to Wembley are foiled by UEFA. Liverpool win the trophy, but the Cup Winners' Cup goes to Feyenoord, and Cologne win the UEFA Cup. Stan Bowles is put on the transfer list at Orient. . . .

Terry McDermott.

Half way stage for Argentina

from ERIC WEIL

Ischia of Velez Sarsfield (right) — a promising international striker who gets few chances to show his skill in Menotti's present national team line-up. Here he is seen trying to beat Luis Galvan (Talleres Cordoba), the World Cup defender considered too old at 32 for further national team duty.

TWO years ago Argentina won the World Cup on home ground and in two years time they will have to defend it in Spain. At roughly the half-way stage between the two tournaments they took the squad intended to serve as a basis for Spain on a not-too-strenuous European tour on which they lost 3-1 to England, beat the Republic of Ireland 1-0 and Austria 5-1 and which turned out to be a half-time stock-taking.

National coach Cesar Menotti said he was satisfied — he generally says this — because the squad included five players not yet 20 who had helped Argentina win the Junior World Cup in Japan last year — defender Simon, midfielders Maradona and Barbas and strikers Diaz and Calderon — for whom the tour was valuable experience . . . yes, even for Maradona who, in spite of his fame, has only played 14 matches in the full national team.

But let's get things into perspective . . . A 15-minute spell in which they caught the Austrian defence on the hop at the start of the match to score three goals and Maradona's flashes of brilliance, which could transform most teams, were not enough to make the tour an unqualified success.

The defeat against England — the only one of the three rivals who could be considered serious candidates for Argentina's world title — showed that where they fell down in comparison to their rivals was in the air, positive passing, team-work and surprise in attack. Then the narrow victory against the unfancied Irish, short of some key players who were engaged in an English league match on the same night, showed that a far inferior team individually could effectively stop them by close marking, because Argentina's rhythm and rotation, which helped them to win the World Cup, were missing.

Any team winning 5-1 on their opponent's ground must be good, but who knows what would have happened but for that opening burst and Maradona's two excellently taken goals later, because the Austrians, with a more rudimentary game, outplayed Argentina at times.

The tour, apart from giving five 19-year-olds experience, also put winger Santamaria — who had returned from playing in Spain last year — back into the international scene to bolster up a sagging attack. It also may have shown that Argentina still are a force to be reckoned with and it produced two excellent games against England and Austria while the one against the Irish Republic was not so bad.

Potential

But it also showed that the superior ball artistry and ability of Argentine players was not used to its full potential because of failing in other aspects of the game — team-work, positive passing, organisation (all pointed out in *World Soccer* in previous articles based on interviews with Menotti) — and that they continue to lack options in attack to break through well-disciplined European defences, depending too much on midfielder Maradona.

It was the same story before the last World Cup and mostly during it also. Kempes' presence and goals remedied the situation to a certain extent, but now, apart from World Cup strikers Kempes and Bertoni playing abroad, Luque getting past his best and Houseman having lost his touch — possibly through his own erratic training — there is a shortage of penetrative forwards in the Argentine league and Menotti has to fight against a tendency to return to more defensive soccer by the clubs.

In defence, World Cup goalkeeper Fillol was as safe as ever between the posts, but less willing to come out and command his area than before. There are still three World Cup men in the four-man defence line, but only captain Passarella maintains his form. Tarantini had an unhappy tour — apart from the incident in London where his wife was charged with shop-lifting and it must have affected him — and he had to go off injured in the last match.

Olguin worked tremendously hard at times, while newcomer Van Tuyne did not do anything wrong, but it was as a line where the defence was found wanting and occasionally was a sieve. Villaverde — the defender who Menotti thinks such a lot of — was dropped just before the tour as a recurring injury kept him out of soccer, while Simon, excellent at junior international level, has not quite made the grade in the top flight yet.

But the rhythm of a team is dictated by its midfield and it is there that Argentina only had rare dominance in the first two matches. Maradona often lacked support as Barbas was out of form — he has a long way to go to make one forget Ardiles — and Gallego was not his usual self in his ball-winning capacity. Valencia too ony rarely gave Maradona support in creating attacks. The same midfield formation had been more successful on the European tour a year earlier. Of course it all worked a lot better in the match against Austria where Barbas showed the greatest improvement and it was chiefly the midfield which created the scoring chances, but this did not overshadow what had happened before.

Technical

Argentina's national side has a technical basis far above that of any local club team, which makes it all the harder for coach Menotti to keep up the standard, especially when he brings in newcomers. The difference is probably not so great between better club teams and national teams in most European countries. It is another reason why it is so necessary for Menotti to have his players training together for long periods. Before this tour, the national squad had trained together Mondays to Fridays for two months and Menotti still said they were not ready when they left.

Menotti might do worse than form a national 'B' team as is done in England and many other European countries. A lot of faith had been put into last year's Junior World Cup-winning team — according to Maradona the best side he has ever played in — but while the idea was to keep them playing together and five of its members have stepped up into the senior side, what has happened to the rest?

Other older players, such as striker Ischia, for example, could also become leading internationals, but hardly with a couple of walking-on performances a year for the last 20 minutes of a game as has happened in this player's case, or midfielder Fren who did not get a game on tour.

A 'B' team, also with regular fixtures, would be the solution, but not to put into the South American Championship, as last year, and then dissolve, with the result that Argentina are champions of the world but not of their own continent. These up-and-coming players need full games in full international atmosphere and even tours.

It would, of course, mean taking more players from their clubs, but at the moment clubs have been made to realise by the FA that the national team is the number one priority. They have already been advised, for example, that they will have to do without their internationals during the final stages of this year's national championship. The players will be withdrawn from their clubs before that to prepare for the Gold Cup tournament in Uruguay at the end of the year which brings together previous World Cup winners Uruguay, Brazil, West Germany, Italy, Argentina and twice in succession losing finalists Holland who replaced England.

• Before that Menotti will have completed six years in continual charge of the Argentine national team — longer than any coach before him. During that time Argentina has played 67 internationals, won 35, drawn 15 and lost 17 with a 122-67 goals record. Midfielder Gallego is the man with most international appearances — 59 — during that time and centre-forward Luque has scored most goals — 22. Passarella has scored most goals from defence for the national team in the history of Argentine soccer — 16 — which also makes him second highest scorer with Kempes under Menotti.

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ENGLAN WORK

AFTER a European Championship in which the most optimistic expected England to beat Italy and win the trophy, and the biggest critics are now demanding to know why Ron Greenwood changed his team so much, my view is that things are not as bad as they might seem, though they could be a great deal better.

Looking at the series overall, I am convinced that the level of performance by England is not too far from that of the best — if only because the best are not very good!

As the Italians showed without Giancarlo Antognoni against Czechoslovakia they had only a defence and no attacking ideas. Enzo Bearzot's critics were also proved right that his spearheads, without Poalo Rossi, have gone "over the top".

But if Italy beat England, I am positive that Czechoslovakia, who took third place, did far, far better than they could have thought possible — and they have more problems for 1982 than do England.

Surprisingly perhaps, to win one, draw one and lose one, as England did, is par for the foreign end of the season course. Go back over the last twenty years and this will be found to be true for practically all foreign tours. Yet Belgium, who drew with England, and Italy, who beat them, could both have been overcome with better preparation.

This could be effected in one of two ways. Either persuade Greenwood to get involved with the coaching of First Division club *coaches* — or afford him the 10-day preparations for internationals that was accorded Don Revie, who never did anything to suggest that results could be better that way.

I say this because it has been clear for years, and remains true now, that English players do not know how to approach the continental defence with its tight marking, quick tackling plus a *libero*.

Even in English league games, teams struggle at home to visitors who come to defend in depth and their only apparent answer is the high cross.

High balls

I have heard Greenwood himself say, countless times, that "British teams beat the foreigners on crosses." But now the best of the foreigners are not troubled by high balls because their defenders and goalkeepers have worked at this aspect of the game.

More than that, they know that if they mark tight and lock up the man on the ball they can prevent most of the centres getting across. And that is precisely what Italy and Belgium did.

Eliminating many of the crosses in this way, the Italians went further and were never slow to crash into strikers from behind, practically without fear and certainly they were never seriously penalised. The English attack failed against Belgium because of their own shortcomings but against Italy there was the added ingredient that the home side knew they could get away with murder and Tony Woodcock became a special target.

Faced with the type of defences that England failed against it has to be got across to the players that the ball must go forward quickly, and above all must be played into space for the front man.

England's Dave Watson (hands in the air) has just brought down Spain's Saura giving away a penalty.

Again the strikers must be extremely mobile, constantly roving across the face of the attack, making lateral runs as Woodcock did. This way they draw defenders out of position, and in a well coached team, Kevin Keegan, playing just behind the front two as an out and out attacker, can sprint forward into the spaces that appear before him. But even then, when he makes a break the ball must be played to him just right — and quickly.

Any delay gives the advantage to the defenders, and this is specially true of a Belgian-type defence that needs a second or two to call and organise the off-side trap.

Justified

Many people wondered why Greenwood made so many changes but in my book, he was fully justified in leaving David Johnson and Trevor Brooking out of the side to meet Italy, for they contributed nothing at all against Belgium in the opening match.

Finding adequate replacements was another matter, for they did not exist, but as I see it, Greenwood hoped that the understanding which Woodcock and Gary Birtles had when playing together for Forest would enable them to play as a pair.

Then having failed against Italy, Greenwood must have felt fairly confident that his team could beat Spain, and decided to turn out a balanced side that gave a game to some of those who had not had the opportunity in the first two games and also brought in players like Viv Anderson and Glenn Hoddle who are clearly in line for the 1982 team to play in Spain. So there was method in everything that Ron Greenwood did.

Knowing him, I was not at all surprised that he declined to blame his players and knowing that none of them are coached at their clubs to cope with the problems they encountered I can sympathise with this.

Woodcock, for example, made many good lateral runs; running across the line of defenders, but as far as I could see "running blind" totally unaware that he was running off-side.

And although I can understand that Keegan wanted to help and no doubt thought he was doing the right thing in dropping back, he did as I saw it the worst thing he could have done.

What the England players have to learn is basically how to play the ball to marked men — and still keep possession of the ball, and keep the attack going. But they also have to learn to play to orders.

Defences

A striker like Gerd Muller never had it easy in big international matches. He was always a marked man as the German's *bomber*. But he kept plugging away, never dreamed of dropping back, and stayed right in the heart of the firing line, taking the knocks, and never giving up his hunt for the half-chance.

At top level you cannot afford to do less, and I thought Keegan erred when he abandoned the role given him by his boss. First he took Tardelli back to score, and secondly he made it easier for all the opposing defences after his decision to drop back.

Up with the strikers, on reputation alone, Keegan would have kept everyone in a nervous state and inside the box there was always the chance of getting penalties that could have been vital.

But more than that. Where a player of Muller's class would have stayed at the job, plugging away in search of the odd chance, Keegan didn't even take his chance when it came.

Though he also dropped back at times against Spain, Keegan was right up in the penalty box when Hoddle laid the ball across the box for him to present him with what was probably the most open goal of the tournament. All he had to do was hit it first time and he must have been a scorer.

D PLAYERS MUST AT THEIR GAME

Glenn Hoddle of Tottenham and England.

What is demanded at the top is a high degree of natural ability PLUS hard work under a good coach over a period of months and years.

The England players failed in Italy because they had not been adequately prepared for the job they had to do . . . but to blame the players is perhaps unfair.

We must look to the lack of top-drawer coaches in England; to the casual part-time approach to training in the First Division and, hopefully, get Greenwood involved with the First Division coaches who in turn will get their players back in the afternoons and pass on what they have learned.

And we should be encouraged by what we saw in the European Championship for it is clear that the standard we have to attain is not very high at all and certainly not beyond our capabilities — if we tackle it right.

England's Steve Coppell (right) and Francesco Graziani of Italy.

Given that chance again, I am sure that Keegan would have scored for he knows now that you must take your chances first time. Keegan failed no doubt because he wanted "to make sure", but at top level today there is no place for players temporarily lacking the confidence to have a crack first time. Ninety-nine times out of a hundred Keegan would have shot first time but when it counted, he didn't.

As in the past, English hopes are so easily aroused when they get a good win as they did against Northern Ireland when they got five, and against Argentina. But when the real test follows against a defensive side away from Britain, England always struggle.

Coaching

From the management viewpoint, I simply cannot see that anyone could have done better than Ron Greenwood did, and more than that, I believe he was let down by the players — and in turn by the clubs they play for who do not do the coaching job they should.

I know that at Hamburg SV and all the other West German clubs the players are called back most afternoons for "skill practice" and acquiring what Greenwood has called "technical knowledge".

Again I know from experience that a good coach is respected by even the top players like Beckenbauer, Netzer and Muller. They look on the coach as God, shaking hands after each session and thanking him for helping them. That is not the attitude in England where most players prefer to play their own game — on their natural ability — and that at the highest level is not good enough.

Kevin Keegan in action against Tardelli during the European Championship match against Italy.

BELGIUM by Philip Smith

PERSONAL TRIUMPH FOR TRAINER THYS

ON Friday, June 6, 1980, 2,700 paying customers saw, in a deserted Heysel Stadium, a less than convincing Belgian side defeat an extremely ordinary Romanian outfit. Eighteen days later over 3,000 turned out at Brussels airport to welcome home the same players following their Italian efforts. Not a startling increase in numbers, admittedly, but name another team welcomed home by a crowd larger than their last international gate. Could this be a sign that the apathetic Brussels public have finally awoken to the fact that they have a team which at the moment is the second best in Europe?

Runners-up to the current West German side is certainly no disgrace, and the campaign has to be classed as a great personal triumph for trainer Guy Thys. All along he played down the chances of his men, but he must have known that the current lack of international ability gave the Belgians as good a chance as anyone. Tactical awareness helped the Diables Rouges to the final, and if in that match caution had been thrown to the wind earlier, Thys might now have been the trainer of the European Champions.

From being virtual nonentities when they arrived, the whole of Europe has now been alerted to the quality of players Thys has at his disposal, although to be honest apart from those on view there aren't many left worthy of consideration. Performance wise, Gerets and Renquin played as well as any other pair of full-backs and in midfield Vandereycken showed the commitment other midfields sadly lacked. Van der Elst was a bit disappointing and Van den Bergh, before he was chopped by one of the Italians, failed to show anything like his Lierse form. Unfortunately, the European experience he badly needs will not be provided by his club next season.

Two players have to be singled out for special mention, Wilfried Van Moer and Jan Ceulemans. Who would have thought that a balding little 35-year-old would be the victim of a concentrated campaign of thuggery by the Italians, in order to effect his departure from that vital game as quickly as possible. Haven't they ever heard of picking on someone their own size? And no, the fact that a Vandereycken 'tackle' put Antognoni out of the tournament hasn't been ignored. Van Moer surely deserved his player of the tournament award if only for the Italian battering he endured.

As for Ceulemans, it cannot be said that this column failed to give advance warning of his talents, and for a team labelled 'unadventurous', the attack did enough to get him into everyone's team of the tournament. Commenting on his performances, another member of the league of modest Belgian footballers is discovered. "What astonished me was the amount of fuss directed my way. I heard people say that Ceulemans is world class, but personally I can't understand this view. Perhaps they saw things different from the stands or television screens," said Ceulemans. Any prospective buyers can start saving their money. "I am under contract at Bruges for two more years and intend to honour it. I will be 25 then and should anyone want me I will consider offers," he added.

Hopefully, in two years it will be possible to weigh up Ceulemans facing world class opposition in the 1982 World Cup finals, but first come the qualifying matches against Cyprus, France, Eire and Holland. The Belgians are now probably favourites to win the group, an interesting reversal of roles, though any two of four could qualify. Old rivalries will especially bring about titanic struggles with the Dutch and the French, whose youngsters such as Stopyra, Genghini and Tigana promise a great French revival during the eighties.

In keeping with current policy, the team Thys selects for the opening game in Dublin on October 15 will almost certainly be as close as possible to that which played in Italy. One change could be the replacement of the 33-year-old Cools by a younger man and there must be a question mark over Van der Elst's availability. Both Coeck and Voordeckers should be fully fit by October, however, and the considerable ability of the young Standard player in particular should greatly increase the tactical permutations open to Thys.

The lack of depth in the Squad does mean that in the short term Van Moer's presence will still be required. The trainer quite rightly stated that an exceptional player in June doesn't become bad by September,

Alfred Riedl of Standard Liege.

though he did express doubts concerning the standard of league football the little maestro might be playing next season. Doubts dispelled by the player's decision to leave Beringen in order to rejoin Beveren, his first club. One would have thought an honourable retirement would be the order of the day, but both player and trainer seem equally keen to continue their most fruitful alliance. Somehow Van Moer must keep going until the World Cup qualifiers are sorted out, his influence is such that qualification could depend on it.

While the national team were battling away in Italy, the main acitivity on the domestic scene has been the comings and goings of the summer transfer market. One move which rocked the Brussels football world was that of Michel Verschueren from RWDM to Anderlecht. If the name doesn't ring a bell it's because Verschueren has left behind 12 years of administration at first Daring and then the amalgam to become the Secretary/Manager of the mauve and whites, a position which has a great deal of say in the composition of the playing staff. With the Yugoslav Ivic taking over the coaching side, a dramatic reorganisation of team management has taken place, one that should go a long way to remedy the complete disorganisation of last season.

Verschueren appears to know the score as far as his own task is concerned: "Over the years, Anderlecht have obtained excellent results on the international scene. It's normal that a decline occurs when certain players either get old or lose ambition. But M. Van den Stock (Club President) wants his team back in the top rank, and that is the guarantee of a successful future. I don't talk of last season's errors. I think of nothing but the future," he says. A future with a Belle-Vue, or will it merely be the shirt sponsor's name?

The BRIAN GLANVILLE column

Lessons to be learned from the Euro Cup

HAVING predictably sunk in the European Nations Cup, England will shortly be embroiled in the World Cup, 1982, qualifying competition. I am pretty sure they will qualify for Spain — their first appearance in the Finals since 1974 — but what they will do there when they arrive is another matter.

I can say right away that I have no great hopes of that competition, even now. Havelange, redeeming his promises to the Afro-Asians, supported by European countries which should have known better, is inflicting on us his 24 team World Cup. One awaits with interest to see how many people will turn up in, say, Vigo, to see Canada play Dubai.

That England failed in Italy had a great deal to do with the absence of Trevor Francis, a great deal to do with the mistaken use of Kevin Keegan, a great deal to do with Ron Greenwood's perseverance with players clearly not valid at this level.

Keegan had a poor tournament, and a still poorer European Press, but here I have a certain sympathy with him. For a couple of years, European journalists had been over valuing him, setting him up as a kind of Cruyff or Di Stefano; a role which he himself, in earlier days, strenuously rejected. As one who admires Keegan for what he has made himself — and the emphasis is on these words — who remembers with delight his marvellous performance in the 1977 European Cup Final in Rome, I've been sad to see him try to live above his means. In trying to do too much, he has in fact done far less than he could, or should.

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A harsh Italian critic, once a national team manager, described him as "tactically illiterate." Let us just call him instinctive. His game, as it impressively stands, is a triumph of mind over matter, an application of the will, but what he excels in is the quick, sharp feat in the penalty area, the sudden turn, flick or header, the shot made under heavy pressure, the ball cleverly laid off to a colleague.

In midfield, he confuses more than he creates, in the process limiting the activity of other, less assertive, but perhaps more talented players: ***vide*** *Laurie Cunningham, whose exclusion from the England party was a piece of absolute folly. It was ony when we came to the Spanish game in Naples that Greenwood at last bestirred himself to push Keegan into the firing line where, if he was scarcely resplendent, he did at least have several impressive moments, when he threatened the Spanish goal.*

Whether or not Cunningham would have come off in Italy we shall never know, but what we do know is that he is a maverick player of outstanding talent, capable of doing sensational things in the most difficult circumstances; things undreamed of in the philosophy of a bread and butter League player like Mariner, or even the more versatile Johnson and Birtles.

Hopes

I never did think Johnson would get much change out of European international defences. Of Birtles I certainly had hopes. He had, after all, done so well so often for Nottingham Forest in the European Cup. When Greenwood pitched him in against Italy in Turin I was pleased and hopeful but in the event, he looked hopelessly out of his depth.

I should like to see him given another chance, though the truth is that he should have been taken on the European tour a year earlier when it seemed sheer perversity to leave him out. It should then have been possible to decide whether or not he had true international potential. Time was lamentably wasted.

So it was in the case of Glenn Hoddle, who made such a splendid debut against Bulgaria, only to be promptly informed that disappointment was part of football, and set aside. So it was that Hoddle, "disappointed" but for that one meaningless game in Wales, came out to Italy with only a couple of matches behind him. Watching him against Spain, I felt once again that he has the talent and the imagination to succeed in major international football, which now cries out for originality and refined technique.

Tackle

In defence, England are still hopelessly short of adequate back four players, and a classical wing-half who can win a tackle and provide a screen for the men behind him. Dave Watson is now 33 years old, and there can be scant hope of his being available for the 1982 World Cup. Great efforts must therefore be made to bring along a successor.

The most likely pretenders are the Ipswich Town pair, Russell Osman and the tall Terry Butcher, and the precocious young Tommy Caton of Manchester City, still only 17 years old. It is strange that we, the country which virtually invented the tackling wing half and the stopper centre-half, just do not seem to breed them any more, and we can scarcely blame Ron Greenwood for their absence; even if we can blame him for perservering with full-backs who cannot tackle and will inevitably and expensively be found out in the end (Graziani's goal being sadly indicative.)

If the absence of Trevor Francis, in so evenly balanced a tournament, cost England so dear, the loss of Paolo Rossi was probably decisive for Italy. Enzo Bearzot, who was taut as a wire throughout the tournament, and even fell out with his eternal Sancho Panza, Gigi Peronace, has been blamed in Italy for not making changes in time, not blooding the Altobellis and Baresis. Yet if Rossi had been present, if Causio and Bettega had not been in such hopelessly inadequate form, I think Italy would comfortably have won the title. You simply, in these days of massed defences and limited ability, lose three World class players, to all intents and purposes, and expect to succeed.

We may not have seen the best of Belgium. Indeed, the Belgians are so very reluctant to show the best of themselves. Only in the 2-1 victory over Spain and the concluding phases of the Final against West Germany did they properly exploit their attacking talents. Their attitude in the game against England — when offside tactics and "professional" fouling were the order of the day — their ruthless kicking against Italy, were hardly endearing. (Even if Enzo Bearzot is the last man with any right to castigate violent and dirty play, given the exesses of his own defenders.)

Talented

But in the Final, Belgium when they at last came out to play showed how well they can attack, how splendidly they can throw men forward; and if Van den Bergh was a sad disappointment in attack, don't forget that they had to play without Ludo Coeck, perhaps the most talented of all their midfielders.

West Germany will qualify for Spain in 1982, but they are far from an irresistible team. By then perhaps we shall see Bernd Schuster playing in his Cologne role as a sweeper, rather than as an exciting, attacking, midfield player, but the defence will have to do something about its extraordinary penchant for unforced error (two bad miskicks against the Czechs which went unpunished, one against the Belgians, which didn't.)

Violence

Holland, whose violence used to be pardoned in the days when they could play as well, were a severe disappointment in Italy. They might have done a great deal better had their manager, Jan Zwartkruis, been tactically more aware. As Aarie Haan (no angel) remarked after the West German defeat in Naples, playing four attackers was courting disaster. And why was Zwartkruis so keen on the mediocre striker Kist, even in midfield, so reluctant to use Ipswich's Franz Thijssen?

Schuster pays tribute to England's Woodcock

BERND SCHUSTER, the new West German golden boy whose talent lit up the gloomy finals of the European championship and promises so much for the 1982 World Cup, owes a large vote of thanks to an Englishman.

For Schuster, 20-year-old utility starlet at 1st FC Köln, is one of the first players to admit to the benefits of the signing in midseason of Tony Woodcock from Nottingham Forest.

"Woodcock has given us so many more options in attack," says Schuster, whose brilliance in the European finals was confined to only two of the Germans' four games, against Holland then Belgium.

"I'm very pleased Tony's come here," Schuster adds. "We push ourselves much harder now during a game. I've learned a lot from Tony — how to shield the ball from a defender, for example.

"Also I admired the way he could take a ball under control at speed. Another thing — when he loses the ball there's no mistaking that he wants it back. I appreciate that. You get a lot of players who, when the ball's gone, lose interest in the game.

"Tony's not like that and he's encouraged the rest of us. In fact, I think he's better than Keegan. He's faster and I think he's a better all-round team man."

But, for all that praise, Schuster was clearly in a class of his own in the German campaign in Italy — his style and touch even provoking a series of comparisons with the young Beckenbauer.

And there are links, even if Schuster is as yet far from the reputation, achievements and bank balance of Kaiser Franz. It's not just their style, but something more basic: they're both Bavarians, Schuster having been born on December 22, 1959, at Ludwigshafen.

Not that his family stayed long, for it was in Augsburg that Schuster was brought up, and in Augsburg that he began his football career.

In 1966, when Beckenbauer was first making a name for himself in the World Cup Finals in England, Schuster, then six years old, had started playing for his first organised team, an Augsburg junior club named Hammerschmiede.

His talents were soon to stand out and in his early teens FC Augsburg asked Schuster to join their ranks, holding out the prospect of a far more immediate promotion among the ranks of the professional world.

Schuster wanted to say Yes — until he had talked the offer over with Ludwig Paula, the Hammerschmiede coach.

"Don't go to Augsburg yet," said Paula. "Later, certainly. But you need time and experience. Augsburg have a lot of good young players — you won't get the same individual help we can give."

And so Schuster stayed with Hammerschmiede. Eventually he did join Augsburg — but when he thought it right. And he has never forgotten the football upbringing he received from Paula.

"He taught me to self-critical," says Schuster. "He never raved about the way I'd played after a game, even if we'd done well and scored a lot of goals. He was always looking to make constructive criticism.

"Nowadays that has stayed with me. Even if I've had a good game I'm never fool enough to sit back and tell myself so. There's always something to improve on."

Schuster hadn't been progressing only through the club system. The DFB's national coaching network had heard of him, this boy who played in midfield or in defence — in the centre or at full back.

First Schuster played for the Schwabing youth selection, then for Bavaria. Later still came 10 appearances for the West German youth team under the watchful eye of the man who would select him for stardom in Italy this summer — Jupp Derwall.

Part of the thrill of playing for Germany's youth team was the odd trip abroad. But a tournament in Israel in the last days of 1977 provided Schuster with more than just excitement, it provided the chance to turn professional and an angry court case!

A spectator at the tournament was Hennes Weisweiler, the master coach who had built Borussia Moenchengladbach, spent an unhappy season at Barcelona, and who was now back at Köln.

Schuster had barely returned home than he signed an agreement to join Köln.

Player Portrait by Keir Radnedge

But . . . his club, Augsburg, were soon receiving — and accepting — a better offer from Borussia Moenchengladbach, Schuster preferred Köln, and Borussia took him to court for breach of contract, claiming damages of £50,000 which would have helped them, they claimed, buy a replacement.

The courts dismissed the case and though it cost him a short suspension from the DFB, in the summer of 1978 everything in the Köln garden was beautiful for Bernd Schuster. For one thing he wasn't homesick. He was living in digs with two other young Köln pros, Gerald Ehrmann and Holger Willmer; for another he was now earning enough to drive his own car, a Scirocco.

For yet another, Köln themselves had signed Schuster in the summer of 1978 to strengthen a team who were just recovering from the celebrations of victory in both the league and the cup.

Despite his spare figure, Schuster is strong and wiry and didn't find it too hard adjusting to professional training routines after his evening-only work at Ausgburg.

At first his ambitions were limited.

"In my first year under contract I thought it would be marvellous if I could just get onto the substitutes' bench a few times . . ."

In fact, by the end of season 1978-79, Schuster had become a full international, making his debut under Derwall — now promoted to national team boss — in a 3-1 win over the Republic of Ireland in a Dublin friendly.

A few days later Schuster was again in the team for a 3-1 win over Iceland in Reykjavik. It was confirmation of what all the fans knew and yet something which the modest Schuster still could hardly believe: he had arrived!

He had played 24 games out of 34 in his first season; he had helped Köln to the Champions' Cup semi-finals; he had prompted one journalist to write that he possessed "a touch of Beckenbauer, a touch of Overath and a touch of Schnellinger."

Just as, this summer, an injury to Rainer Bonhof opened the path for Schuster into the national team, so it was a colleague's injury which provided the opening at Köln. The unfortunate team-mate was stopper Gerd Strack. And though Schuster is now confirmed as a midfielder or sweeper, it was in the close-marking role in the middle of defence that he first proved to Weisweiler his ability to hold his place.

"Marvellous," said Weisweiler after a 3-1 win over Eintracht Braunschweig in which Schuster reduced the lively, awkward Harald Nickel to anonymity.

Suddenly, Schuster was starting to grow up. Off the field, too. Just as he found a home in the Köln first team right from the start of 1979-80, so he found another home with a beautiful model to marry.

And Schuster's nerves were strong enough in January to withstand the upset as his very pregnant wife was hurt in a car crash. With no serious consequences. A couple of weeks later Gaby gave birth to Schuster's son Benjamin. And that development has coloured his outlook on the value of football.

When asked, during the European championships, on what he would spend his bonus if West Germany won, he replied: "A little villa which will always be ours."

This from the boy whose love of cars had persuaded him to swap the Scirocco for a Porsche 911. But then Schuster has an old head on his shoulders and looks sure to take good care of his £400,000-plus annual earnings.

Schuster impressed Europe as a midfielder. Yet it was as a sweeper that he played his youth internationals and, since this spring, it's been at sweeper that he's played most of his football for Köln — with Köln midfielder Bernd Cullmann being preferred as *libero* with the national team!

It was against Schalke that Weisweiler first experimented with Schuster as sweeper, in March this year. He performed brilliantly, reading situations to perfection and using his accurate passing to set up fast counter attacks.

Not long afterwards, the first rumours began. Various clubs were supposed to be interested in Schuster. But the most resounding name was that of Bayern Munich.

Karl Heinz Rummenigge, Bayern Munich and West Germany.

The former European champions were desperate for a new sweeper. Georg Schwarzenbeck had been injured and, besides, he was getting no younger; the Frenchman, Marius Tresor, had looked a bad risk because of his recent injury record; the Dutchman, Rudi Krol had demanded more than Bayern felt they could afford.

Schuster, after all, was a Bavarian boy. He'd let it drop in an odd moment that one day he'd love to play for Bayern . . .

Köln said No. Weisweiler was on the way out, but successor Karl-Heinz Heddergott was of the same opinion.

"Talents like this come along once in a generation," Weisweiler had once said. "We need to hang on to him."

And Schuster had a contract tying him to Köln for another two years. Then maybe it'll be Bayern, or maybe abroad. Schuster isn't thinking too many moves ahead.

But one man not so pleased with his club switch to sweeper was Derwall. Let Schuster play midfield for a couple more years, until he gets the right kind of experience, he said to Weisweiler. But Weisweiler, already with his ticket to New York in his pocket, couldn't oblige. He had to choose the best team, and that meant Schuster at sweeper.

The player himself prefers midfield, because of the increased involvement in the game. And this is where he's appeared for West Germany, frequently as stop-gap because Uli Stielike couldn't be prised away from Real Madrid.

It was as a stop-gap that Schuster appeared in West Germany's last warm-up before Italy. Appearing as a half-time substitute against Poland he smashed in a superb goal which made the final score 3-1.

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FRANCE by Andre Duclos

ONNIS LEAVES MONACO

AFTER all the speculation, all the goals — joint leading scorer in the League, decisive striker in the Cup Final — Delio Onnis has left Monaco. He will play next season for the newly promoted Tours. Meanwhile another newly promoted team, Auxerre, have brought off a still greater coup, succeeeding in acquiring the splendid Polish international centre-forward Szarmach, veteran of two World Cups, 65 times capped by his country.

Tours are denying the rumours of an immensely lucrative contract for Onnis, but they must certainly have pushed a lot of money over the counter to persuade the veteran Argentine star to change clubs. Another to have changed is the French international sweeper, born in the island of Guadeloupe, Marius Trésor. Olympique Marseille have slid into the Second Division and this fine player, a star of the 1978 World Cup, was expected to go abroad. Bordeaux were the only French club to show serious interest, and Bordeaux have signed him. The trouble is that nobody is quite sure about Trésor's physical condition.

He has been injury prone for a long time now and even in Argentina, where he played so well, he was reckoned to be no more than 70 per cent fit. Trésor points out that he played no fewer than 34 games for Marseille last season which seems a reasonable answer, even if they were not enough to keep them out of the Second Division.

Strange situation at Metz, where another Polish 1974 World Cup star, the right-half Kasperczak, had insufficient qualifications as a manager to enable him to continue in official charge of the team. He did not meet either of the specifications demanded here; he wasn't a well-known manager in his own country, merely a well-known player who had turned manager in France, and he had not taken the third category certificate which was the minimum qualification in France. Metz however had absolutely no intention of parting company with the Pole, and decided to flank him with a nominal manager, so that he could continue in charge of the team.

Another Argentine centre-forward in the transfer news has been Carlos Bianchi, still more prolific than even his compatriot Onnis, in the past. Bianchi, however, had a poor first season with Strasbourg, who lost their League title and did nothing remarkable in the European Cup. Twice breaking a leg in the past, over thirty now, he had more trouble with injury last season. The trouble for Strasbourg has been that Bianchi had no desire to move to another French club, insisting either that he stay with Strasbourg, or go back to Argentina. Which rather limited the Alsatian club's transfer dealings.

One major signing has been made by Paris Saint Germain. They have persuaded Saint Etienne to part with the brilliant but injury-prone Dominique Rocheteau, the right-winger who came on for those sensational last eight minutes against Bayern in the European Cup Final in Glasgow in 1976. So both the famous Saint Etienne Dominiques have found their way to Paris, Bathenay, that powerful half-back, being there already.

Some consolation for England, after their failure in the European Nations Cup, from the French national team manager, Michel Hidalgo. He insists that England should not be written off. If England disappointed him, he says—Brooking in particular and to some extent Keegan—he felt still that they suffered especially from weariness and from the heat, and that we should soon be seeing them on song again. The player he admired more than any other was the lanky Belgian, Ceulemans who, he pointed out, was able to run some 45 yards with the ball, and still strike fear into the English and the Italians.

Asked how he thought the French team would have got on in the tournament, he replied that he likes to think that it would have brought a bit of flair and imagination into it. It had, in his view, a style of its own, but it needed to physically fresh, morally tuned up, and this was far from easy at the end of a hard season.

Monaco won the French Football Cup at Parc des Princes with a comfortable 3-1 victory over Second Division side Orléans. President Giscard d'Estaing presents the Cup to Monaco's captain Jean Petit.

Hidalgo, doubling in Italy as a TV commentator, had his own problems. One day, like so many others, he turned up for an internal flight to be blithely told, though he had booked, that there was no seat for him. In the end, after much pressure, the official said that two seats were available but there were three candidates for them, among them Hidalgo. All he could suggest was that each of the three tried to estimate how much money he had in his hand. The end of it was that Hidalgo guessed wrong and, to his justifiable fury, was left behind. What a way to run an airline!

Also present at the tournament was the Auxerre manager, Guy Roux, who said he could not possibly have had a more exciting holiday. A busman's holiday, if you wish!

Marseille in the meantime were desperately negotiating with the former Anderlecht and Belgian team manager Raymond Goethals, who kept telling them he wanted to come but had urgent personal problems to resolve in Brussels. So the time kept ticking away, the pre-season training drew nearer and nearer, and Marseille had to keep their former manager, the Yugoslav Markovic, standing by in the meantime.

The French professional footballers got together at the end of the season to publish their list of the best players in the League. At the top, not perhaps amazingly, was Michel Platini. Saint Etienne, the club he joined last summer, did not perhaps have the happiest of seasons, but there was no doubt of Platini's continuing prowess and excellence. Second came the veteran international half-back, or defender, Henri Michel of Nantes; a full 80 points distant.

Michel helped his team to recapture the Championship and unquestionably deserved such recognition. Two more Nantes men trailed him, each a very long way behind; the defender Maxime Bossis, and the French international winger, Loic Amisse. Didier Christophe, who had such a fine season with Monaco and who consolidated his place in the French international team, was next — do Brighton now regret that they did not sign him? — followed by the young revelation of the season, the Socuaux centre-forward Yanick Stopyrs.

POSTSCRIPT! The cup has been dashed from Auxerre's lips. Szarmach is not quite 30, the Polish authorities have therefore created complications about his leaving, and there seems little chance that he will wear an Auxerre shirt in the near future.

USSR by Terry Bushell

Spartak beat Dynamo Tbilisi and leap to first place

REIGNING champions Spartak have the look of champions about them again this season. By beating their closest rivals Dynamo Tbilisi 4-2 in a crucial game in Tbilisi, they leapt to the top of the table.

The championship had resumed after a break to allow the national Olympic team to fly to Rio de Janeiro to play Brazil. Several Spartak players figured in the 2-1 win at Maracana, and they returned seemingly invigorated by the experience rather than fatigued.

The win in Brazil meant that the Soviet Olympic team had won all four of this season's preparatory matches for the Games. Earlier they had beaten Bulgaria 3-1 in Sofia, Sweden 5-1 in Malmoe and France 1-0 in Moscow.

Before the break, Tbilisi were clear at the top after beating SKA of Rostov-on-Don 4-1 at home. Tbilisi outplayed their visitors from beginning to end, as they had most games before the visit of Spartak, and were 3-0 up at half-time. SKA only scored their consolation goal a minute from the end.

Equalised

Dynamo Kiev were second in the table, also after scoring four goals. They beat newly-promoted Kuban of Krasnodar 4-0 in Kiev. Their find of the season, Vadim Yevtushenko, opened the scoring in the 13th minute and from then on Kiev never looked back.

Spartak were third at this stage, after grabbing a point in a 1-1 away draw at Dynamo Minsk. Rodionov put them ahead a minute before half-time and Kurnenin equalised four minutes after it.

Then came the surprise result at Tbilisi. It was a surprise because up till then Tbilisi had been so dominating, and unbeaten, at home and, amazingly, Spartak had yet to win away. This was after eleven matches. Spartak managed to keep in touch with the leaders by drawing most of their away games and winning all their home matches.

Seventy thousand Tbilisi supporters turned up expecting to see a continuation of this happy state of affairs. Instead, they saw their side two down at half-time. Cherenkov scored them both, the first after only five minutes, the second four minutes from the interval.

Issue

Shengelia put the hosts back in the game in the 62nd minute; and then came an astonishing four minutes in which three goals were scored. First Gess put the visitors further ahead; Kipiani pulled one back two minutes later; and two minutes after that Gavrilov put the issue beyond doubt.

Meanwhile, Dynamo Kiev were keeping up their challenge with a 5-0 win at home to Shakhtyor Donetsk. Oleg Blokhin scored two, bringing his total for the season to seven.

Shakhtyor, who so often in recent seasons have been among the leaders without ever actually winning the League, are slipping badly this year. They are missing centre-forward and last season's top League scorer Vitaly Starukhin, who has been banned for several matches because of a poor disciplinary record. After the defeat at Kiev, they were fifth from bottom.

They are in the Cup Final, however, having beaten Spartak 1-0 away. Their opponents in the August 9 Final will be Dynamo Tbilisi, who beat Kiev 2-1 at home in the other semi-final.

Mediocre

Tbilisi continued their slide in the League with a 2-0 defeat at mediocre Torpedo in Moscow. Although by far the better side, Tbilisi simply could not score. Chelebadze even hit a penalty straight at Torpedo goalkeeper Chanov. Sakharov opened the scoring in the tenth minute with a snap shot from outside the area that Tbilisi 'keeper Gabelia did not begin to move for, and then twelve minutes from the final whistle Kodylev scored another. In between these two Torpedo goals Tbilisi had done nearly all the attacking and provided all the flair.

Spartak remained two points clear at the top of the table with a 2-0 home win over Pakhtaker Tashkent. Another discovery of the season, 18-year-old striker Sergeo Rodionov, put the champions ahead after 33 minutes. The second goal came from a Spartak striker at the other end of the age scale, the 32-year-old Georgy Yartsev, who came on as a second half substitute for Edgar Gess.

This is probably Yartsev's last season as a Spartak first-team regular. He has had a fluctuating career with Spartak, going down with them to the lower division five years ago, coming back up with them the next year, finishing top scorer in the League the year after that and winning a championship medal last season. A good run in the European Cup later this year will be a fine climax to his career.

The two promoted clubs, Karpaty Lvov and Kuban of Krasnodar, are both struggling in the top division, occupying the bottom two places.

Karpaty were propping up the table after losing 2-1 at home to Chernomorets Odessa, a match that will be remembered for a long time by Karpaty goalkeeper Alexei Shvoinitsky. A hero of last year's promotion season, he was making a comeback in this match after injury.

Mistakes

After being warmly greeted by the fans at the beginning, he made several bad mistakes, one of which let in a weak shot from Goryachev for the first goal. Yurchishin equalised from the penalty spot two minutes after half-time but five minutes later Shevchenko scored the winning goal for the visitors that sent Karpaty to bottom place.

Both Karpaty and Kuban had won only two of their first 13 matches in the Supreme League. It looks like they are in for a rough ride.

Sides promoted to the Supreme League usually have a hard time, and often go straight back down, reflecting the gap in the standards between the divisions. Last season Wings of the Soviets were relegated after only one year in the top division.

The only two teams to consolidate their positions after promotion in recent years have been Spartak, who did it with a vengeance, and Dynamo Minsk, who came up two years ago, finished sixth last season and are currently fourth.

WEST GERMANY by Arthur Rotmil

DESERVED SUCCESS FOR BOSS DERWALL

WEST GERMANY'S national team deservedly won the European Championship. Victories over the ageing Czech title holders, the equally "over-the-hill" Dutch and a draw against the Greeks, in a meaningless match, took the Germans to the final which they won against the surprising Belgians.

The Germans missed a hatful of goals in the first half, were pulled back to 1-1 through a controversial penalty, but finally triumphed thanks to well-taken goals by centre-forward Hrubesch. This success was all the more remarkable as the West Germans had to travel to Italy without three key players, all injured: Goalkeeper Nigbur, midfielder Bonhof and striker Fischer. And goalkeeper Schumacher only had one full cap and two appearances as a substitute behind him.

Youngest

This was the youngest squad ever sent to an important tournament by the West Germans — average age just over 24. The side which played in the final showed that, seven men were under 25. But they kept up the marvellous record of their country in the European Championship recently — winners in 1972, runners-up in 1976 and now winners again.

The German successes were the blond midfielders Schuster and Briegel, plus striker Allofs, whose hat-trick against Holland opened the way into the final. Their triumph was worth a bonus of £7,500 per man and it extended the fine run under manager Jupp Derwall.

Since he took over from the retired Helmut Schöen after the 1978 World Cup, the Germans are now unbeaten in 19 internationals — a new record for the German national team. This series also included another German record, that of twelve wins on the trot, which was only stopped by that insipid goalless draw with Greece.

The 17th *Bundesliga* season brought its share of ups and downs, more goals, yet fewer spectators; eight out of the 18 clubs changed their team manager and for the first time ever, all three promoted clubs remained in the First Division.

The celebrated winners were Bayern Munich, champions for the first time since 1974, the year of their first European Champions' Cup triumph, then with Beckenbauer, Müller and Maier, all now departed from the famous club.

The big losers were Hamburger SV, who within a few days lost both their title and the European Cup final. The season began with a shock, for before the first ball was kicked, the most consistent performer, a "legend" of German football, record capped 'keeper Sepp Maier suffered terrible injuries in a car accident which ended his career prematurely. Maier, who between August 20, 1966 and June 9, 1979 didn't miss a single *Bundesliga* match, (a world record 442 consecutive appearances), was suddenly put out of the game.

But he was not the only departed hero. Several top stars bade farewell to the *Bundesliga* and so did some famous managers. Hennes Weisweiler left Cologne to try his luck with New York Cosmos. "World champion" Jürgen Grabowski, nearly 36 years old, hung up his boots, after his club Eintracht Frankfurt won its first ever European Trophy, the UEFA Cup — alas, "Grabi" was injured and couldn't play in the two finals.

Hamburg's Milewski (left) plays the ball past Cologne defender Herbert Zimmermann.

Wealthy

Kevin Keegan, the first Englishman to play in the *Bundesliga,* returned home after three years with Hamburg. He became a wealthy man in Germany where he rose to world fame and was voted twice running "European Footballer of the Year". He left Hamburg in turmoil, following the much publicised "revolt" against team manager Branko Zebec.

This Yugoslav, who contributed so much to German football, is sick (diabetes) and the players began losing confidence in him. The crunch came after the European Cup final in Madrid, when the players ignored Zebec's imposed curfew (they had to play their last *Bundesliga* match three days later), and drank in the hotel bar till the early hours. It may be that Zebec, who led the HSV to the championship title in 1979, and into the European Cup final, will leave the club.

Among the personalities who made headlines this past season was Karl-Heinz Rummenigge (Bayern) the best player in the League and top scorer with 26 goals. Next to him Paul Breitner as captain and inspiration contributed most to Bayern's sixth championship victory. But even they were not spared a niggling affair — the tax debt having

West Germany's two-goal hero against Belgium, Horst Hrubesch, holds the European Championship trophy.

unexpectedly mounted up in recent years must now be paid. But success at home and in European competitions should help to overcome this problem.

Despite all the snags the *Bundesliga* remains a powerful magnet so that even the famous Franz Beckenbauer, who once thought he would never come back, is joining Hamburger SV. Rather ironic in view of the fact that his former club Bayern have now reached the heights again.

Successful

Bayern were not only successful on the field of play, they also enjoyed the best support. Nearly 700,000 spectators witnessed the 17 home matches in the Olympic stadium. That is 65,000 more than during their last championship triumph in 1974. From that team only Breitner and Dürnberger are still first choice today.

Apart from Bayern, only six other clubs had higher attendances than last term. Especially Schalke and VfB Stuttgart suffered losses — each 170,000 customers less. But VfB were compensated for by big crowds for their UEFA Cup-ties (270,000) and in the DFB Cup, so that more fans than ever packed the Neckarstadion.

Schalke, who after all were given a licence despite colossal debts, will now budget for just 26,000 paying supporters, instead of 36,000. That the *Bundesliga* lost 500,000 customers, as compared to last term, is explained with the relatively lower gates recorded by the two newcomers, Bayer Leverkusen and Uerdingen.

The two relegated clubs, 1.FC Nürnberg and Arminia Bielefeld, who after just one season are returning to the top division, drew 600,000 supporters more than Leverkusen and Uerdingen. These clubs have small grounds and this accounts for the lower overall attendances. A pity that after Hannover next season Berlin, too, will be without First Division football — the second World Cup stadium will remain virtually empty next term, when the programme commences on August 16.

Average

The best supported teams were: Bayern Munich, average 38,101 per home League match; Hamburger SV 36,390; VfB Stuttgart 32,545; and Borussia Dortmund 32,329. Three clubs registered average crowds of under 15,000: Bayer Uerdingen 13,066; Bayer Leverkusen 13,060 and Eintracht Brunswick 11,608.

On the whole, for reasons already mentioned, gates were lowest for five years. A total of 6,938,832 fans watched the 306 games, but this represents still the seventh best overall attendance since the formation of the *Bundesliga* in 1963. There were more goals this term, totalling 1,023, for an average of 3.34 per match, the highest among Europe's top Leagues. Altogether 371 players were used, of whom 30 played in every match. There were seven sendings off (in the English First Division 31 (!) in all competitions) and 616 bookings. Of 93 penalties, only 58 were converted, 69 penalties were awarded to home teams.

In the all-time table of *Bundesliga* success Cologne lead with 678 points out of 570 games, followed by Bayern Munich 654 pts. (510 games); Borussia Mönchengladbach 628 pts, (510 games); Eintracht Frankfurt 621 pts. (570 games) and Hamburger SV 609 pts. (570 games). Leading goalscorers: Rummenigge 26; Hrubesch (Hamburger SV) and D. Müller (Cologne) 21 each; Burgsmüller (Borussia Dortmund) and Nickel (Borussia Mönchengladbach) each 20; Geye (Kaiserslautern) 17; K. Allofs (Fortuna Düsseldorf) and D. Hoeness (Bayern Munich) each 16; H. Müller (Stuttgart) and Funkel (Uerdingen) each 14.

Economy

As from season 1981-82, there will be just one Second Division in West German professional football. The DFB decided to scrap the system of two Divisions North and South for reasons of economy, since most of those clubs simply cannot exist on the low crowds they are getting.

Twenty clubs will be playing in a single League with two teams automatically relegated and two promoted and the third placed having to play-off against the club third from bottom of the First Division home and away.

The new system means that instead of 59, the *Bundesliga* will only have 38 professional clubs. The new Second Division will be formed from 10 clubs of the Second Division North and 10 from the Second Division South. But not just the past playing performances will be taken into account. Every club will have to furnish proof of financial stability, crowd potential and adequate facilities, and amenities, so as not to become a burden either to the DFB, or the local authority, most of which own the football grounds.

Whether the new League can solve the economic problems which have sent nearly half the clubs to the wall, remains to be seen. Obviously some fixtures between lowly northern clubs and relegation candidates from the South will not attract the fans, yet impose an even greater strain through long and costly journeys across the country.

The first transfers already confirmed for next season were: Norwegian forward Arne-Larsen Oekland (25) (16 caps) moved from FK Bryne to Bayer Leverkusen, who also signed the B-international midfielder Wolfgang Vöge from Dortmund for £200,000. Karl Allgöwer (23) third best goalscorer in the Second Division South with 25 goals, from Stuttgarter Kickers to VfB for £200,000. Goalkeeper Uli Stein (25) from Arminia Bielefeld to Hamburger SV for £190,000. Austrian international midfielder Kurt Jara (29) from MSV Duisburg to Schalke for £250,000. Striker Wolfgang Frank from Dortmund to Nürnberg for £200,000.

MENOTTI SMILES AT POOR STANDARD

by Derick Allsop

IT was enough to bring a smile to the face of Cesar Menotti.

The normally glum expression we spot somewhere behind the hair and cigarette smoke actually changed to beams of delight in Italy.

There was, of course, little wonder. The Argentinian manager had travelled to the European Championships to size up his main rivals for the 1982 World Cup and returned home with few fears.

So, after the disappointing skirmishes in Italy, where do the European powers stand and can anyone deny Argentina a second successive triumph?

West Germany, quite clearly, were worthy winners of the tournament and promise to be the strongest European nation when hostilities commence in Spain.

Their consistency over the years is remarkable and after a relatively lean spell they have introduced a new generation of players who should have their best days ahead of them.

Domestic

The German national side displays the fruits of a highly competitive but adventurous domestic game and the tree should continue to produce quality in abundance.

Even without Fischer and Bonhof, they lifted themselves a class above the rest and gave us at least something to savour from the shoddy fare.

Schuster rose from nowhere to become a European star. At 20, he looks a phenomenal prospect. The ability is undoubtedly there, let's hope he also has the character and temperament to take everything that comes with superstardom.

His performances in just two matches — against Holland in a group match and against Belgium in the final — had top Italian and Spanish clubs inquiring about him.

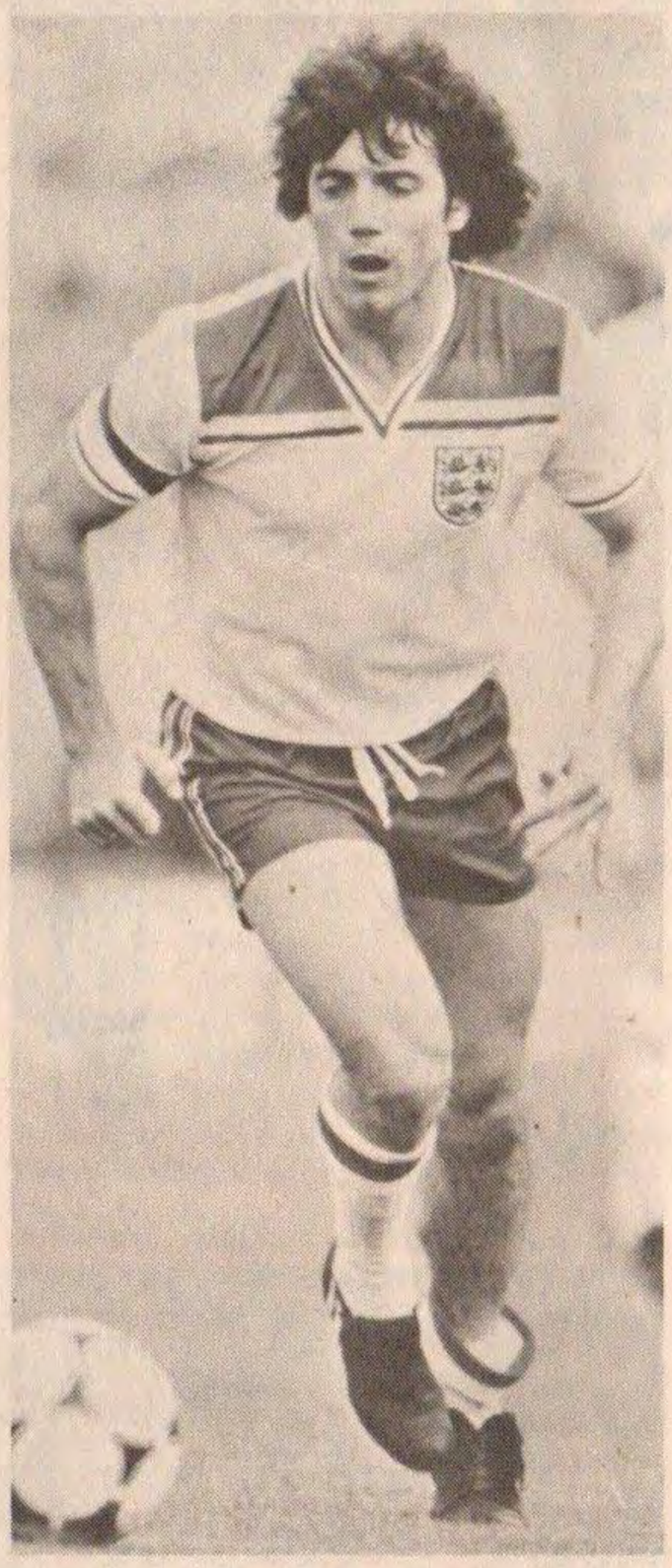
Strength

He could also, on the strength of those two matches, find himself voted European Footballer of the Year. I take nothing away from Schuster, but wouldn't that be a reflection on the sorry state of the European game?

Kevin Keegan certainly won't win the title again. Modest though the general standard was, Keegan and England were way behind the best.

England should make it to Spain — Keegan may not — but unless they suddenly unearth a Schuster or two they are likely to be well down the rankings.

Belgium did well with what they had, but they cannot count on the same breaks in the World Cup and I don't see them as likely champions.



Kevin Keegan

The same must be said of Holland and Czechoslovakia. The Dutch are doing nothing to suggest they can make a third final appearance in a row and this Czech team cannot be expected to improve. The demise of Masny was one of the saddest features of the European Championship.

And Italy? Well, the year 1980 had already gone down as one of the blackest in the country's football history and the tournament did nothing to lift the gloom.

Drab football, poor crowds and eventually elimination for the Italians — hardly the festival the hosts had prayed for.

Italy played only when Antognoni played, and as he limped away from the match against the Belgians his country's hopes went with him.

It was Antognoni who plotted the defeat of England and Antognoni who produced the pass of the Championship, a magnificent diagonal, curling ball to split the Spanish defence and arrive perfectly for the overlapping Gentile to meet with a diving header.

Italy, alas, had little else to enjoy. When they weren't kicking, their football was composed and constructive, but they were woefully deficient in the penalty area.

Causio and Bettega were shadows of the players we once knew and the banished Rossi was desperately missed.

Represent

Again, it would seem, a team with no future and we must wait to see if a new side will be fashioned for the World Cup. At the moment, Italy represent no genuine challenge for the crown.

The most likely other threat from the Championship line-up appears to be from Spain, who will, of course, be hosts in two years' time.

History spells out the advantage for the home team and Spain showed signs in Italy that they are developing the players to ride along with the inevitable fervour.

The Spanish and the Greeks were the outsiders of the European joust yet provided some of the more enjoyable moments. Unlike Greece, Spain could grow into a genuinely powerful force.

The Real Sociedad pair, Zamora and Satrustegui, were among the outstanding players of the tournament. They wanted to run at defenders and had the skill and pace to do so.

Stage

West Germany and Spain, then, to be in the thick of it come 1982. Yugoslavia are another European side who could be battling alongside them and Argentina. The Miljanic revival came too late for the European contest but the Yugoslavs may well find an even grander stage awaiting them.

And what of the European Championship itself? Certainly, a knockout structure must return, with, at the very least, semi-finals. We must be spared another boring, mathematical exercise.

England would like to host the next finals, but after the tear gas riot of Turin UEFA aren't exactly falling over themselves to grant that wish.

The crowds are sure to be better in England, the organisation should be adequate. But UEFA will keep an eye on the behaviour of English supporters over the next year before deciding.

At the moment, UEFA officials are rather more inclined to hand over their Championship to France.

AN example of the souvenir colour postcards on sale today at Superga. Pictured are the 18 players who died, the basilica, the memorial and an artist's impression of the point of impact. The 1949 airliner was not of course a jet, as pictured, but a conventional three-engined plane. The players killed were Italian internationals Valerio Bacigalupo (goal), Aldo Ballarin, Virgilio Maroso (full-backs), Eusebio Castigliano, Giuseppe Grezar and Mario Rigamonti (half-backs), and Romeo Menti, Ezio Loik, Guglielmo Gabetti and Valentino Mazzola (forwards). Also killed were the Czech-Hungarian inside-forward Gyula Subert, the French centre-forward Emile Bongiorni, and Dino Ballarin (goalkeeper), Pietro Operto (back), Rubens Fadini and Danilo Martelli (half-backs) and Franco Ossola and Ruggero Grava (forwards).

Supera memories evident

by Keir Radnedge

INTERNATIONAL football has become such a rat-race that a team and their entourage — officials, journalists and fans — have barely arrived before they are leaving for home.

The beauty of the European Championship — or perhaps its saving grace — was the opportunity to spend a little longer than usual savouring the characters of the four Italian cities involved.

And that meant time in Turin to understand a little better why, more than 30 years later, the Superga air disaster is still fresher in the Italian mind than Munich is to Manchester United adherents.

Some 31 people were killed — 18 players, five officials, three journalists and five crew — when the plane bringing Torino home from Lisbon creashed into the wall behind the basilica on top of Superga hill which overlooks the city.

Torino had been champions of Italy four seasons in succession, in 1943 and 1946-48 and were six points ahead of nearest rivals Internazionale with three games to play.

Several newcomers

Their last domestic game had, in fact, been against Inter, a 0-0 draw at San Siro which virtually assured 'Torello' their fifth crown. They were an ageing team — captain and inside-left Valentino Mazzola, father of Sandro, was 30 — but several newcomers had been signed to try to maintain the dominance.

On one occasion 10 Torino men lined up together for Italy and the club provided the backbone of the team who hoped to successfully hang on to the World Cup in Brazil in 1950.

Indeed it was through the players' international charisma that Torino had been invited to make the fateful trip to play Benfica in Lisbon on May 3, 1949, in a benefit match for the veteran Portuguese captain, Francisco Ferreira. Torino went down 4-3, but that was nothing compared to the loss the next day.

Superga is a place for the dead. The basilica, built by Victor Amadeus II in memory of the liberation of Turin from the French in 1706, houses the royal tombs of the princes and dukes of Savoy and Genoa. Yet the contradiction is in the setting..

The basilica commands a beautiful view of the city and you reach it thanks to a 15-minute ride up the side of the hill on a picturesque funicular railway.

A winding path and a flight of steps take you through the woods to the basilica itself, past the kiosks selling sweets, ice cream, tourist souvenirs and . . . flags and pennants of Torino.

Walk on round the basilica and at the rear, the ivy hiding any trace of the drama of 1949, you reach the memorial, a cross cemented into a semi-shrine in the wall, carrying the names of the dead.

Beneath are simple tributes from the club and the Italian federation. Also FIFA's recognition of its decision, at the proposal of Chile, to make May 4 the world day of football as a memorial to Torino (FC Torino as they were then, AC Torino as they are now).

More up-to-date is a plaque placed by the "Inter-Club Sandro Mazzola" earlier this year.

Italian football does not forget. Eleven players of that Torino team feature in a book on sale locally called, in translation, *The Great Stars of Torino.* Yet the irony is that had the game been a modern competitive tie, two of the best players, Mazzola himself and left-back Virgilio Maroso, would probably not have made the trip because of injury.

Watershed

But for the friendly, Mazzola not only travelled but played at half-pace in Lisbon, and Maroso went just for the ride — as did the third-choice goalkeeper, Dino Ballarin, included instead of the usual reserve only as a favour to his brother, Italy's regular right-back, Aldo Ballarin.

Superga was a watershed for Italian football. Torino had been a hangover from the pre-war days. After Superga Italy not only crashed in the World Cup, their clubs vied in the wild amounts they spent and foreigners they signed in the rush to fill the Torino gap.

That led inexorably to an era of national team failure and defensive football — and if Enzo Bearzot has done much to put the one right, his fight against the other ill has yet to bear much fruit.

Bearzot knows better than most the painful story of Torino. He played for them for 10 years, enduring the bitter seasons of the 1950s which culminated in relegation and near-bankruptcy, but also helped inspire the rejuvenation of promotion in 1960.

Bad luck continued to hound the club. In 1961 they splashed out on Joe Baker and Denis Law, only for the two Britons to return home after a brief and controversial stay which reached an unhappy climax in a car smash.

Six years later the next star, Gigi Meroni, was killed in the city centre, knocked down as he was crossing the road. Only in the past couple of years long-serving midfielder and then coaching aide Giorgio Ferrini died after a long illness; and coach Gigi Radice was badly hurt in a car crash.

Perhaps that's one of the reasons by Superga stays fresh in the minds of the *tifosi*, because the tragic legacy of Torino insists on lingering.

But then, unlike Manchester United's relationship with Munich, the memorial and reminder of the biggest disaster, Superga, is right on the city's doorstep.

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OLYMPIC TO COULD BE

THE present Olympic football tournament could be the last.

That happy, honest, prospect, was the one held out recently by Teofilo Salinas, president of the South American confederation, on the eve of the Moscow Games.

And with the Olympics in full flow by the time this edition of ***World Soccer*** *is published, now is the most appropriate time to review the state of Olympic football.*

Apart from the well-publicised political problems, there have been other issues peculiar to football — in particular the system under which European and South American sides were forbidden the use of players who had appeared in a World Cup.

The East Germans, defending champions in Moscow, were scathing, claiming this was a western-inspired decision to try to break the Iron Curtain grip on the title — last won by the "West" in 1948, when Sweden were winners in London.

The East Germans felt justified also bearing in mind that the European qualifying system lumped most of the Communist bloc into one group — meaning a drastic reduction of their representation in the finals.

In fact Czechoslovakia (who beat Hungary and 1972 winners Poland) and Yugoslavia (who at one stage looked like being edged out by Italy) did manage to join Russia (hosts) and the East Germans in the finals.

Then came the boycott problems, meaning that eight of the original 16 finalists would not be present — the United States, Argentina, Ghana, Japan, Norway, Egypt, Malaysia and Iran.

Notable absentees

Yet it was even a misnomer to talk about the "Moscow" Games. Russia, in group one, were happily placed with their matches centred on the 100,000-capacity Lenin stadium or the Moscow Dynamo ground and in Leningrad — as was group two. But groups three and four were set for Kiev (capital of the Ukraine, not even the 'real' Russia), and Minsk.

The only thing in its favour was the use of the old World Cup formula — four groups of four followed by knock-out quarter and semi-finals before the third place play-off and the final.

Most notable absentees were three-times winners Hungary, but there seemed only four teams in with a shout — all placed handily in separate groups — in Russia, East Germany, Czechoslovakia and Yugoslavia. Spain were the unknown quantity as outsiders.

Russia had the odd position of heading a group in which they were the only proper finalists — the other original rivals all pulled out. But then the Russians, with their Tbilisi-Kiev-Spartak side and particularly after their stunning 2-1 win over the full might of Brazil in Rio, weren't expecting any problems whatever the opposition.

In group two Czechoslovakia provided the best-known faces, with a squad which included a number of their European championship men, goalkeepers Seman and Netolicka, midfielders Stambachr and Berger and forwards Vizek (perhaps their best player in Italy), Nemec and Licka. Late replacements here were Nigeria, the new African champions who earlier this year boasted a 2-2 draw with eventual UEFA Cup winners, Eintracht Frankfurt.

Action from the Spain versus England match in the European Championship. Left to right: Francisco Carrasco, Phil Thompson, Jose Alvarez Uria and Glenn Hoddle.

In group three were Georg Buschner's East Germans, strong in defence but apparently lightweight in attack, and the young professionals of Spain, managed by the national team heir-apparent, Jose Santamaria.

Yugoslavia, four times on the trot finalists from 1948 to 1960 yet winners only the last time (3-1 against Denmark in Rome), came out top of an awkward qualifying group to underline the extent of the rivival being worked by Miljan Miljanic.

But the problems of the Moscow Olympics were underlines by the presence in group three of Finland — who had finished third in their qualifying contest, yet went to Moscow because both Norway (top) and West Germany (second) withdrew over the Afghanistan issue.

Given the total farce of Olympic and amateur status, it seems ridiculous that — leaving Afghanistan aside — football should have been in Moscow at all.

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A FAMILIAR figure to Argentines turned up in Buenos Aires recently — Sir Alf Ramsey, scouting for talent on behalf of Greek club, Panathinaikos!

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THE European championships are now history and I don't intend to prolong the agony by dwelling on them too heavily here — even though as one of the few British journalists who travelled to all four centres, I have more qualification than most.

But there was one clear lesson: the league formula is a recipe for disaster. There must be a return to the knock-out 'last four' system.

Neutral fans will not turn out to watch foreigners, particularly when their own team are on TV later that evening; and the lack of crowds which presented an appalling image of European football on small screens around the world, also hit the finalists in the pocket.

One West German official reckoned the new champions lost £100,000 on the deal!

Further, the league formula means appalling football when teams need no longer play for victories, but just for goal difference. Belgium became European runners-up by winning only ONE of FOUR games in the finals!

If football kills the drama it commits suicide. One dreads to think what the 1982 World Cup will be like with 24 finalists, most of them no hopers with no crowd appeal.

Safety-first

In the 1950s the great names were Di Stefano, Puskas, Kopa, Sivori, Charles, Fontaine, Pele, Vava, Didi, Garrincha, etc. All forwards. But look for your star names today and you'll find a surfeit of midfielders. And that's a bad sign.

In fact, the European finals presented much of what is wrong with the game — safety first football, indecisive referees and a total obliviousness to the importance of entertainment.

Finally, a few words about the organisation.

I found UEFA's arrangements pretty good. There were hiccups, bad ones, such as the way Ron Greenwood was refused entry at Naples when he turned up for the third place game.

Many British colleagues and a number of Scandinavian journalists who relied on English at the post-match Press conferences, were also right to be

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upset that the interviews after the final took place without an English translation.

But then, I'm afraid to say that most of the Press conferences were unsatisfactory.

Not, as one writer has suggested, because the translators were girls employed under the sponsorship of Coca-Cola or Canon. The reason the Press conferences were such shambles was down to the sheer stupid rudeness of a majority of journalists who, once they'd heard their own version of the question and answer, lacked the respect to allow other translations to be heard (The Italians were particularly at fault).

To blame UEFA for difficulties thrown up by local circumstances in Italy was also pointless. Another journalist went into print apparently blaming UEFA for Alitalia flight procedures, international telex delays, and a gunpoint hotel hold-up.

I would have thought there was more than enough to have criticised in the football, before anything else!

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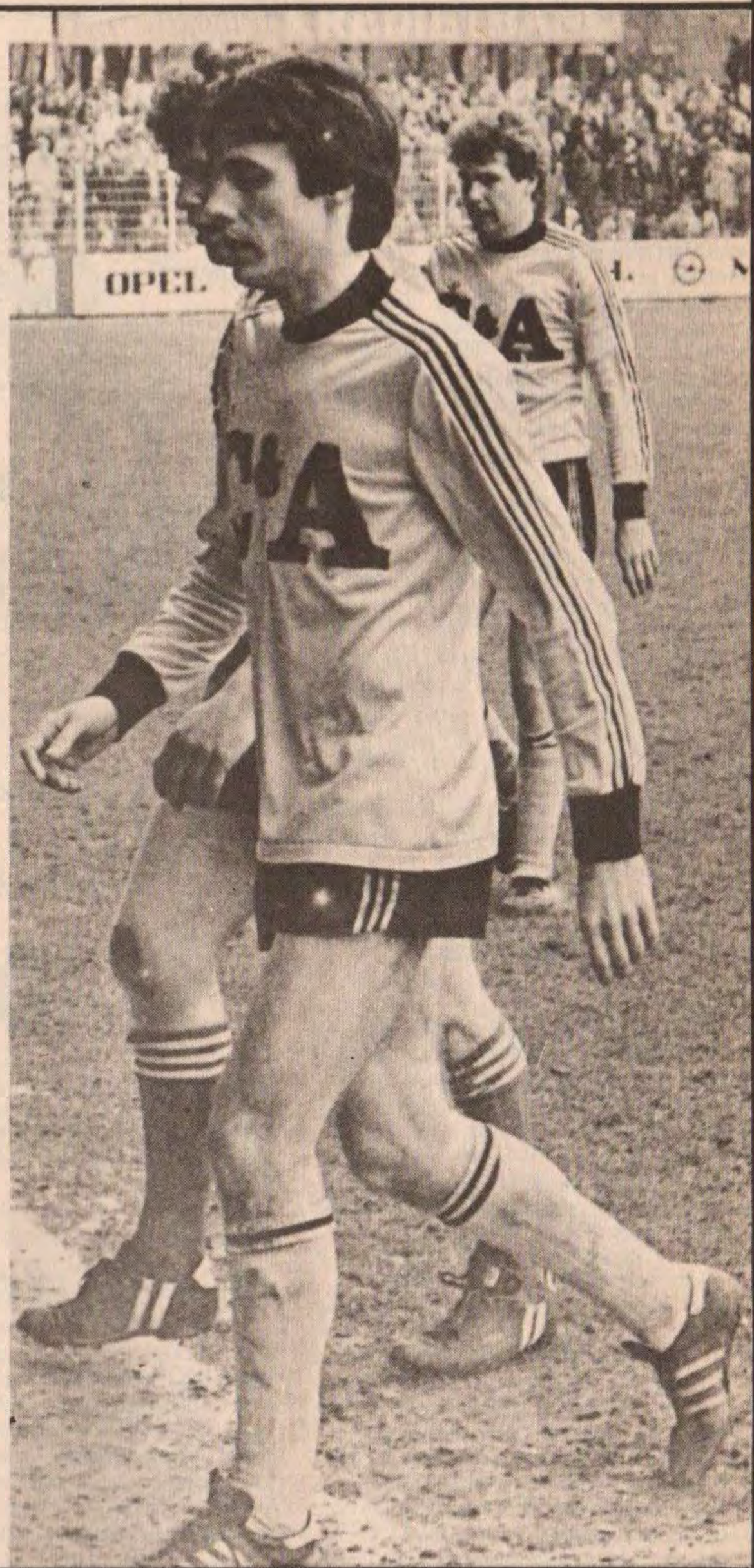
STRANGE feature of the Italian managerial roundabout this summer has been the way in which two of the men who led clubs into Serie A have quit their jobs to stay in the second division!

Gigi Simoni, the one-time Torino winger who guided Brescia up, has joined Genoa, while Enzo Riccomini, having brought little Pistoiese into Serie A for the first time, is going to Genoa's neighbours, Sampdoria.

Vote of confidence

That's not exactly a dual vote of confidence in their former clubs' chances of staying up! Taking over at Pistoiese is ex-Italy goalkeeper Kido Vieri — appointed on the recommendation of that grey eminence, Italo Allodi, after coming out with top marks in coaching courses at Coverciano.

Italian managerial changes: Inter — Bersellini stays; Juventus — Trapattoni stays; Torino — Rabitti (midterm appointment) stays; Ascoli — G. B. Fabbri stays; Fiorentina — Carosi stays; Roma — Liedholm stays; Bologna — Perani out, Radice in; Cagliari — Tiddia stays; Perugia — Castagner in, Ullivierr in; Napoli — Vinicio out, Marchesi in; Avellino — Marchesi out, Vinicio in; Lazio — Lovati out, Castagner in; Catanzaro — Mazzone out, Burgnich in; Como — Marchioro stays; Pistoiese — Riccomini out, Vieri in; Brescia — Simoni out, Magni in.



Van dern Bergh of Lierse . . . top scorer in Europe.

NAMES IN THE NEWS . . . UMBERTO BARBERIS is leaving Servette for Monaco . . . DOMINIQUE ROCHETEAU has quit Saint-Etienne for Paris Saint-Germain . . . LAJOS BAROTI has confirmed his acceptance of the Benfica job . . . MARIO BERTONI has joined Fiorentina from Sevilla . . . KLAUS FICHTEL has quit Schalke for Werder Bremen . . . FRANZ BECKENBAUER will quit Cosmos for Hamburg in November, after all . . . OSVALDO ZUBELDIA has quit Atletico Nacional of Medellin . . . KURT NIELSEN, ex-Denmark boss, has taken over B 1901 of Copenhagen . . . RUDI KROL has joined Vancouver, but fancies a winter move to Italy, maybe Roma . . . BRUNO GIORDANO, banned Italian striker, will join Milan — eventually . . . WOLFGANG KLEFF has been bought back by Borussia Mg.

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WATCH OUT FOR . . . Aug 14: Sweden v Poland (Gothenburg) . . . Aug 27: Brazil v Uruguay (Fortaleza).

WHERE ARE THEY NOW? — Francisco Gento. Born near Santander, in 1931, won 43 caps for Spain at outside left and played in all six of Real Madrid's Champions' Cup wins. Coached the juniors before trying to make his own way, without success. Parted company recently with the minnows Palencia to take over Second Division Granada.

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GOLDEN BOOT AWARD — Final totals: 39-Van dern Bergh (Lierse). 36-Fazekas (Ugpest). 35-Schachner (FK Austria). 27-Jordao (Sporting Lisbon) and Kist (Alkmaar). 26-Nene (Benfica), Rummenigge (Bayern Munich), Ceulemans (Brugge), Staroukhin (Shakhtor Donetsk) and Bajevic (AEK Athens).

GREECE/CYPRUS by Lakis Aavramides

OLIMPIAKOS won the Greek League for the first time since 1975. But no one can say that this first fully professional league was a great success. From the first day of the new championship the road proved to be tough. The clubs turned into Limited Companies and the big investments by shipowners and manufacturers brought new era into Greek football.

The first big problem was the demands of the players for better social security sickness benefits and pensions that led to a strike on December 9. The whole programme in the First and Second Division, who operate in a semi-professional basis, was called off.

And the curtain fell with the relegation to the second division of Iraklis of Salonica because their President Mr. Pertsinides attempted to bribe full-back Filotas Pellios of PAOK to play badly in a replayed semi-final cup match. Mr Pertsinides and a member of the board were also sentenced to three and two years in prison respectively.

Apollon, who were relegated, will stay in the First Division but face an investigation for attempted bribery and nobody knows what will come out. So the suspicions of fixed results and allegations of corruption proved to be right.

But it was not only the players' strike and the trial of Iraklis in May that caused chaos in the Greek League.

Apoel team: standing from left to right: N. Pantziazas, Izotoolos, Petzon, Stqvzou, Stefanu, Toylis. Sitting: A. Miawiliotis, Hadjipieus, K. Pautziazas, Antoyiou, Hailis. The linesman Mr Tjolias is treated after he was injured by a flare.

Olimpiakos win league title

Deadline

The players threatened to go again on strike for an unknown period at the beginning of March and negotiations went on for weeks and an agreement was reached just before the deadline.

Thousands of Olimpiakos supporters invaded the pitch after the away match against Apollon and caused damage in the stadium of about £30,000.

And Olimpiakos were forced, as punishment, to play two home matches in a neutral stadium 200 kms away from Faliro.

Three times a cup tie between the local rivals Aris and PAOK was postponed at the last moment because the two clubs couldn't reach an agreement for the venue of the match after a part of the terraces of PAOK's stadium had fallen after an earthquake.

Olimpiakos won the title after they defeated Aris in a play-off match 2-0. Both teams had 47 points.

But it was not only the first place which was decided in a play-off match but also the third place. Panathinaikos defeated AEK 1-0 and will compete along with Aris in the UEFA Cup.

That means that AEK have to wait another year to fulfil the one year suspension from all UEFA's competitions.

Olimpiakos, Aris and Panathinaikos well known in the European arena.

But it is not the same with Kastoria who will compete in the European Cup Winners Cup. This is the first time that Kastoria won a major trophy and will compete in a European competition. Kastoria is a small town up in the North-East of Greece, which is why they will play their matches for the European Cup at PAOK's stadium in Salonica.

Kastoria defeated Iraklis 5-2. Iraklis reached the final after they drew 1-1 with PAOK in the match that brought them relegation. Iraklis won the first match 1-0.

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TWO goals that were never scored gave Apoel of Nicosia their 12th league title in Cyprus but the first since 1973. Apoel won the championship on goal difference from Omonia who had won the title six times in a row. One match before the end they were one point in front. But in their last match they were away to Omonia Aradippou who needed one point to avoid relegation. And they got it with a 1-1 draw.

On the same time Apoel's away match against Apop, who were also fighting to avoid relegation, was called off 15 minutes before the end after the referee had shown 5 red cards to players of Apop. Fans had started throwing stones at the referee and were trying to get onto the pitch. At that time Apoel were leading 1-0. The disciplinary committee awarded the two points to Apoel with a 2-0 score. This was Apoel's second awarded goal.

The first was against Pezoporikos. The match was called in the 23rd minute when a flare was shot from the terraces and hit one linesman on the head. The linesman was taken to the hospital and the match was called off. The incident took place after Apoel had taken the lead. But the disciplinary committee, according to the laws, awarded the two points to Apoel with a 2-0 win.

Apoel won the title with a single goal difference from Omonia.

Apoel scored 76 and conceded 19 (difference 53) and Omonia 67 with 15 (52).

No one can say that the Cyprus league was better than last year. It was worse and next year's will be the same. The future of Cyprus football is not bright.

The intrusion of politics into sports is obvious. Even the political parties are involved and they want the team they support to win the titles for political reasons and propaganda. This is done more by the leftist party AKEL who are backing Omonia.

Title

The second reason which creates a bad future for the football in Cyprus are the fixed results. The corruption is also well known. No one can say for sure whether a match was not fixed if teams from the top or at the bottom of the table are involved. No one can afford to loose the title and no one can afford to go down. The FA can do nothing because there is no evidence. And this will remain the same. Not only in the first division but also in the second and third.

The Executive Committee of the Cyprus FA has renewed the contract of the National Coach Mr Costas Talianos for another year.

The first match for the national team will be against France in Limassol in October and this worries Mr Talianos because the players won't be ready by then. The league in Cyprus starts midway through October.

NORTH AMERICA by Colin Jose

How good is the NASL?

HOW good is the North American Soccer League? That is a question that is being asked in many places and by many people these days, and it is one that is very difficult to answer. Now in its 14th season of operation the NASL is a curious mixture of first-class teams and top-class players capable of holding their own in any league in the world, and of the mediocre, teams and players who would have trouble in the Fourth Division of the Football League.

The referees call it the most difficult league in the world in which to officiate, with its differing styles, its diverse mixture of standards and the problems of enforcing discipline. Even the referees themselves are a mixture of the experienced and the very inexperienced who would have absolutely no chance of making the Football League list.

Criticism

Referees and linesmen in the NASL have come in for some heavy criticism this year, but in their defence they point to the fact that referees brought in from other parts of the world each season, with wide international experience, have as much trouble controlling NASL games as the league's regular officials.

NASL games can be rough and often are as players with limited abilities attempt to cope with superstars like Franz Beckenbauer and Johann Cruyff. In trying to enforce discipline officials are not helped by the league rules regarding players who are sent off, for the automatic one-game suspension can be delayed weeks if a team is playing away from home. In addition only one player from each club can be suspended at a time, and this allows the clubs to choose which players will sit out a particular game.

In trying to answer the question of just how good the NASL is perhaps the best way of looking at it is to imagine a mixture of teams from all four divisions of the Football League all playing against one another in the same league, but divided into six divisions with each division being of supposedly equal standard.

Television

A comparison of two games can be very misleading, but recently I had a chance to watch Northern Ireland (this year's British champions) play Wales on television. The following day, once again on television, I saw the Vancouver Whitecaps playing the New York Cosmos. Comparisons were inevitable and the NASL game was vastly superior in skill and entertainment value to the international.

At Vancouver's Empire Stadium we had players like the superb Beckenbauer, Carlos Alberto, Francois Van Der Elst (making his debut for the Cosmos) and one of the world's rising young stars in Julio Cesar Romero. Rudi Krol made his debut for Vancouver on this day and Alan Ball was in midfield and who can say players of this calibre are second rate?

The Cosmos won 3-0 thanks mainly to Beckenbauer who set up the first goal and scored the second himself, while Romero scored the third. Vancouver had their chances and with a share of the breaks the score would have been a lot closer, but for the Cosmos, who had lost in Los Angeles a few days earlier, it underlined the old adage that there is no substitute for skill.

This win gave the Cosmos a record of 13 wins and five defeats and they remain the team to beat in the race for this season's championship despite the fact that the Seattle Sounders continue their record setting pace having now won 18 games while losing just two.

Judged

Chicago, too, continue to do well having won 15 games while losing just three, and these teams appear to be the class of the league, at this point about two-thirds of the way through the season for most teams.

It looks as if championship of the National Conference rests between New York and Seattle and some indication of the eventual outcome here can be judged when the two teams meet on July 20 in New York and August 9 in Seattle. In the American Conference the main opposition to Chicago should come from Fort Lauderdale or Tampa Bay who are neck and neck in the Eastern Division.

The very controversial shoot-out has once again been a factor in deciding many games this season and in some cases putting a false picture on a team's record. One team that has benefited from shoot-outs recently has been Toronto Blizzard who have won their last two games via this method and in so doing held on to second place behind New York in their division.

However, the shoot-out puts a great deal of pressure on the individuals taking part especially the goalkeepers and Toronto goalkeeper Tony Chursky told me recently: "After every shoot-out it feels as if I've taken five years off my life." Toronto's first win over Los Angeles came in the regulation five chances for each team but the second against San Jose saw each team take nine shots before Blizzard midfielder George Gibbs scored the decider.

The referees, like the players, dread the shoot-out for they have to watch the play and time it as well, for each shooter has five seconds in which to score, and the whole procedure puts great pressure on the official.

In Washington, where it was hoped that the Diplomats would have a great season this year and win their way into Soccer Bowl 80, which will be played in their own stadium, the team currently trails in third place in their division behind Toronto. Cruyff has been injured and that hasn't helped the team although the Diplomats do not seem to have the personnel to take them all the way.

A record soccer crowd of 53,351 saw the Diplomats play the Cosmos in Washington in a highly controversial game that was televised nationally across the United States. With the score tied 1-1 in overtime the Diplomats scored what looked like a perfectly good winning goal only to have it disallowed by a linesman. The result was uproar with both Cruyff and midfielder Jozsef Horvath receiving red cards for protesting even though they had already left the game. The Cosmos eventually won the shoot-out.

There is trouble in Minnesota where crowds have dropped in the past two seasons after a highly encouraging start. Now the club is up for sale and so far there have been no offers. Recently Minnesota fired coach Roy McCrohan and replaced him with former coach Freddie Goodwin. McCrohan was the first coach to be fired this season and has since been followed by Bob McNab (Vancouver), Ray Klivecka (Rochester), Dan Wood (Atlanta), and Don Megson (Portland).

Coached

Last year's coach Tony Waiters has taken over in Vancouver while in Rochester Alex Perolli who coached the club for part of the 1970 season is now at the helm. In Atlanta, the assistant coach David Chadwick takes over while in Portland Vic Crowe returns to take over once again.

Artificial turf is still causing its problems with a number of players, including Klaus Toppmoller and Robbie Rensenbrink, having serious problems as a result of the pounding knees and ankles take from playing on the concrete like surface.

In the critical area of attendances, crowds are up in some cities but down in others with the overall attendance down somewhat on last year. One city definitely having trouble is Philadelphia where the Fury are only attracting just over 2,000 to most games and the team itself has a dismal record. There are strong indications that this franchise will be moved to Montreal before the start of next season, although there have been denials from Philadelphia.

SPAIN by Keir Radnedge

THE YEAR OF THE SCANDALS

LAST SEASON will go down in Spain as the year of the scandals.

It wasn't just the Malaga affair, which resulted in half a dozen players collecting various suspensions for accepting money to give away a game to Salamanca;

It wasn't just the way Real Madrid were caught out, paying a third party bonus to Sevilla players for a draw which slowed up then leaders Real Sociedad;

It wasn't just the way Barcelona played fast and loose with their cheque book and personnel;

And it wasn't just the remarkable decision of the Valencia directors to release coach Alfredo Di Stefano after they'd won the Cup-winners' Cup.

But . . . add the whole lot together and you have a picture of a frantic season in which the provincial clubs again made life even more dangerous for the traditional giants — even if the *status quo* was maintained with Real Madrid landing the league and cup double.

Only at the death did they manage to overhaul Real Sociedad de San Sebastian, who after losing for the first time only in the penultimate match, had looked set for the greatest triumph of their up and down history.

And Real Sociedad's strength was underlined by the fact that when the national team travelled to Italy for the European championships three of the best players were all from the Guipuzcoan club — goalkeeper Luis Maria Arconada, midfielder Jesus Zamora and centre-forward Jesus Satrustegui.

Sidelined

Their problem was up front for despite Satrustegui's hard running, despite the pace of Idigoras on the right (which created a firm admirer in Real Madrid boss Vujadin Boskov) and the potential of Roberto Lopez Ufarte on the left, Sociedad didn't get enough goals.

The fact that they finished with 14 draws — more than any other team in the first division — emphasises the fact, though if Lopez Ufarte hadn't been sidelined by a knee injury shortly before the season's end they might just have hung on.

Their teamwork, their defensive cohesion and their confidence could surprise a few people in the UEFA Cup next season, where they compete alongside Gijon and Barcelona.

Gijon suffered a disappointing slip back of one place from their fine 1978-79 effort. The loss of right winger Moran (sold to Betis last summer) and the serious injury suffered by his replacement, Abel, upset the attacking strategy of coach Manuel Novoa. He'd been promoted from the youth section after the club had failed to agree terms on a new contract with Vicente Miera, the man who had guided Gijon out of the second division.

But next season it's as you were — Novoa is going back to the youth squads, and Miera is returning after spending the second half of the season in Barcelona with Espanol.

But one man will be missing at Gijon — long-serving centre-forward Quini. After happily remaining with the Asturias club for more than a decade he is at last moving on, to Barcelona. Gijon have been casting about anxiously for a successor — Paul Mariner of Ipswich was one target until Bobby Robson gave a firm No; another was the Icelandic forward, Petur Petursson of Feyenoord.

Quini isn't Barcelona's only capture. Apart from the long-running attempt to sign Argentine wonder boy Diego Maradona they've also paid a record Spanish domestic fee of £600,000 for Bilbao sweeper Alesanco — to the perplexity of coach Helenio Herrera.

The man had returned to management midway through last season and remarkably lifted Barcelona to a UEFA Cup place after the crises of defeat in the Cup-winners' Cup and the sackings of star forwards Juan Carlos Heredia and Hans Krankl.

At the end of the season he gave the directors a list of six players he wanted, only for the board to buy elsewhere and provoke a quit threat from the one-time Internazionale chief.

"I didn't want Alesanco," he said. "But we knew Real Madrid wanted him, so the directors bought him just to upset them."

Also joining Barcelona is ex-national team boss Ladislao Kubala, though the club's greatest player of the 1950s insists that he is looking for a quiet life building up the youth sections and doesn't want to get involved with the first team.

"Kubala?" said Herrera. "I'll work with him. I hear of so many other coaches who are supposed to be coming. One day it's Zebec from Hamburg, then it's Robson, then it's Clough . . . there'll be so many of us on the bench next season there won't be room for the substitutes!"

Spain will have two clubs in the Cup-winners' Cup this coming season, holders Valencia and domestic runners-up Castilla.

Valencia are starting to get a Barcelona reputation, of a club with more money than sense. If all the leaks are to be believed then they refused to renew Di Stefano's contract in the face of a "him-or-me" ultimatum from Mario Kempes and were so afraid of Italian rivalry for their No. 1 star, that they gave in.

Also out at Valencia is Rainer Bonhof, replaced as the second foreigner by Fernando Morena, the brilliant Uruguayan whose goals so nearly saved Rayo Vallecano from relegation.

Morena scored 20 in his first season in Spain and the prospect he provides as the target-man Kempes needs so badly at Valencia is already worrying a lot of prospective opponents.

As for Castilla, Real Madrid's second division subsidiary, their chances of lasting long in Europe are slim. Madrid have already picked up four of the heroes of a cup run which remains remarkable despite the fact that the 6-1 defeat by Madrid at its end was the heaviest defeat recorded in Spanish finals.

Neighbours

The biggest disappointment last season was the collapse of Atletico Madrid. Internal problems — two coaches were sacked and now president Vicente Calderon has resigned — were much to blame and it was only the midfield sangfroid of the late-arriving Brazilian, Dirceu, which kept them just above the relegation dogfight.

What a contrast to neighbours Real. Despite having a new manager in Boskov and a controversial new 'name' in black England forward Laurie Cunningham, they finished top of the pack to underline their standing as one of Europe's most attractive sides despite the increasing fragility of their defence.

Cunningham, after a slow start, gained fans at speed. But the man who matters is the West German midfielder Uli Steilike. And the good news for Madrid was his decision recently to sign a new three-year contract.

• JOSE SANTAMARIA, as forecast here previously, is to take over the national team next season.

SEASON'S APPEARANCES

REAL MADRID: Garcia Remon, Camacho, Santillana 33; Del Bosque, Angel 32; Stielike, Juanito 31; Cunningham 29; Pirri, Benito 27; San Jose, Sabido 19; Roberto Martinez 16; Isidro 10; Rincon, Portugal 8; Perez Garcia, Garcia Navajas 5; Miguel Angel 1. (20 players).

REAL SOCIEDAD: Arconada, Celayeta, Olaizola, Alonso 34; Zamora 33; Lopez Ufarte, Cortabarria, Gajate, Diego, Satrustegui 32; Idigoras 25; Amiano 18; Gorriz 15; Gaztelu 12; Iriarte 8; Heras 4; Uralde 3; Murillo II 1. (18 players).

GIJON: Kimenez, Joaquin, Quini 34; Uria 33; David 32; Doria 31; Castro, Cundi, Ferrero 30; Ciriaco 29; Abel, Aguilar 21; Pedro 12; Rezza 10; Andres 7; Javi 5; Rivero, Maceda 4; Redondo 3. (20 players).

BARCELONA: Landaburu 34; Simonsen 32; Migueli 31; Artola 28; Zuviria 26; Olmo 25; Rexach 24; Asensi, Sanchez 22; Serrat, Carrasco 21; Canito 19; Rubio 18; Estella 16;

Spain's national team.

Esteban 14; Costas 11; Heredia 10; Roberto, Krankl, Ramos 9; Martinez 8; Ramirez 7; Albaladejo 6; Amigo 5; Huguet, Manolo 1. (26 players).

BETIS: Gordillo 34; Alabanda, Esnaola 31; Ortega, Cardenosa 30; Lopez, Moran 29; Peruena 28; Hugo Cabezas 27; Benitez 25; Bizcocho 22; Biosca 21; Geraldo 17; Vital 13; Villalba 12; Oliveira, Pozo 10; Alex 5; Francis, Pelayo, Tello 4; Campos, Anzarda, Cobo 3; Garcia Soriano 2; Richard 1. (26 players).

VALENCIA: Saura, Kempes 32; Botubot 31; Tendillo, Castellanos, Arias 29; Solsona, Bonhof 28; Subirats 23; Pablo 22; Pereira 21; Carrete, Cervero, Gimenez 19; Vilarroda 15; Manzanedo 13; Higinio 10; Felman 6; Albiol, Dani 4; Fabregat, Palmer, Sol 3; Cordero 1. (24 players).

ATHLETIC DE BILBAO: Urquiaga 34; Rojo, Dani, Argote, Villar 32; Goicoechea 30; De Andres 28; Aguirreao 25; Tirapu, Guisasola 24; Sarabia, Carlos 23; Alesanco 22; Nunez 10; Iribar, Rastrojo 9; Gallego 7; Bengoechea, Irureta 6; Escalza 5; Noriega 4. (22 players).

SEVILLA: Rivas 34; Paco 33; Bertoni 32; Juan Carlos, Montero 31; Blanco 29; Scotta, Juanito 26; Nimo, Sanjose 25; Varela 24; Joaquin 20; Murua 17; Biri 15; Curro, Yiyi 13; Lopez, Alvarez 7; Diosdado 5; Gallego 3; Valero, Maraver, Gerolami 1. (23 players).

SALAMANCA: D'Alessandro 34; Balbino 33; Diarte 31; Bustillo 30; Corominas 28; Juanito 27; Enrique, Adan 26; Pepe, Teixido, Tome 25; Pedraza 23; Felix, Corchado, Brizzola 22; Escribano, Carmelo 9; Murillo 7; Ito 1. (19 players).

ALMERIA: Paniagua, Rolon 34; Cesar 33; Arias 31; Murua 29; Pinero, Serran 28; Perez Contreras, Martinez 27; Oscar Lopez 25; Garay 23; Corral 19; Camacho 17; Lobato, Maxi 15; Tarres 12; Rojas 10; Vila 7; Abarca 5; Pavon 4; Duran 3; Odair 2; Cendoya, Rozas, Paquito, Andujar 1. (26 players).

ZARAGOZA: Irazusta, Valdano 34; Alonso 33; Amorrortu 32; Guerri 31; Casuco 30; Camus 29; Antich, Victor 28; Lasa 24; Onaederra 21; Perez Aguerri 20; Belanche 19; Barrachina 17; Juanjo 15; Modesto 14; India 10; Lafita 6; Salvatierra, Benede 3. (20 players).

LAS PALMAS: Perez, Felipe 34; Morete 32; Juani 31; A. Jorge 28; Toledo 27; Noly 25; Jorge, Echarri 22; Estevez, Hernandez, Marrero 21; Felix 19; Julio 17; Gerardo 15; Felo, Pepe Juan 14; Paez 10; Roque 7; Maciel 6; Cundo 3; Farias 1. (22 players).

ATLETICO MADRID: Quique 33; Rubio 31; Arteche 30; Pereira, Marcos, Ruiz 29; Bermejo 28; Ruben Cano 27; Leal, Dirceu 24; Guzman 22; Robi 19; Sierra 18; Navarro 17; Capon 14; Aguinaga 11; Gonzalez 10; Marcial 9; Javi 8; Reina, Marcelino 6; Aguilar 4; Marina 1. (24 players).

ESPANOL: Urruticoechea 34; Molinos, Padilla 33; Lanchas, Ayfuch 31; Verdugo 30; Maranon, Fortes 29; Arabi 23; Zuniga 21; Longhi 19; Amarillo, F. Amado 17; Bio 14; Diez, Huertas 12; Flores 11; M. Cuesta 10; Angel 8; Vilches, Morel 5; Muruzabal, Urbano 2; Azpilicueta 1. (24 players).

HERCULES: Amador, Vidal 34; Giuliano 32; Aracil, Ernesto, Jose Antonio 29; Charles, Anton 28; Felix, Carcelen, Baena 25; Zunzunegui 24; Moyano 23; Kustudic 20; Abad 13; Cartagena 10; Macanas 8; Juan 5; Aguilar 3; Gomez Maria, Sancayetano 2; Marques 1. (22 players).

RAYO VALLECANO **(relegated)**: Morena 34; Tanco 33; Mora, Anero, Custodio 32; Rocamora 30; Uceda 29; Clares 25; Marian 24; Robles 21; Salazar 17; Alvarito 16; Rial, Mate 15; Nieto 14; Jose Maria 12; Manolo 11; Luna 10; Franciso, Roberto 9; Ruig-Solsona 7; Fermin 3; Pascual 2; Mariano, Pascual 1. (25 players).

BURGOS **(relegated)**: Lopez, Victoria 31; Navarro 30; Cortes, Carreno 29; Igartua 28; Gomez, Pascual 23; Gorospe 22; Valdes 21; Rubinan, Baez, Blanco 19; Magdaleno 17; Simic, Mate 14; Esnaola 12; Teca, Andres 10; Abajo 7; Adorno 6; Pereda 2; Castanos 1. (24 players).

MALAGA **(relegated)**: Migueli 32; Megido, Heredia 30; Corral 29; Juan Carlos 28; Araez 26; Macias 25; Nieto 24; Cantarutti 23; Nacho, Orozco, Fulgueira 21; Salguero 17; Martin 16; Collantes 15; Santi, Aido 13; Munoz 8; Brescia, Popo 7; Javi 6; Burguena 4; Salcedo, Cestro, Astorga 3; Logiacomo 2. (26 players).

LEAGUE TOP SCORERS

24 goals — Quini (Gijon). 23 — Santillana (Real Madrid). 22 — Kempes (Valencia). 21 — Dani (Bilbao). 20 — Morena (Rayo Vallecano) and Alonso (Zaragoza) 20. 17 — Maranon (Espanol). 16 — Scotta and Bertoni (both Sevilla). 15 — Satrustegui (Real Sociedad). 14 — Moran (Betis) and Rolon (Almeria). 12 — Carlos (Bilbao).

EXPULSIONS

Total — 56 (14 up on 1978-79). 3 expulsions — Ruben Cano (Atletico Madrid), Pedraza (Salamanca). 2 expulsions — Ortega (Betis), Kustudic, Carcelen (Hercules), Cantarutti (Malaga), Blanco, Juan Carlos (Sevilla) and Enrique (Salamanca).

Total of bookings: 693.

PENALTIES

Total — 108. (Down 20 on 1978-79). Goals — 78. Misses 9. Saves 21 3 by Urruti (Espanol), Amador (Hercules): 2 by Irazusta (Zaragoza), Cesar (Almeria), D'Alessandro (Salamanca) and Garcia Remon (Real Madrid).

HOW THEY FINISHED
(In parentheses 1978-79 positions)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Real Madrid (1)	34	22	9	3	70	33	53
Real Sociedad (4)	34	19	14	1	54	20	52
Gijon (2)	34	16	7	11	47	34	39
Barcelona (5)	34	13	12	9	42	33	38
Betis (prom)	34	12	12	10	42	40	36
Valencia (7)	34	12	12	10	50	42	36
Bilbao (9)	34	15	5	14	52	44	35
Sevilla (11)	34	14	6	14	50	47	34
Salamanco (10)	34	13	8	13	37	37	34
Almeria (prom)	34	11	11	12	41	50	33
Zaragoza (14)	34	13	7	14	43	40	33
Las Palmas (6)	34	13	6	15	36	49	32
At. Madrid (3)	34	10	11	13	38	44	31
Espanol (8)	34	9	12	13	28	37	30
Hercules (12)	34	8	12	14	36	39	28
Rayo Vallecano (15)	34	9	8	17	46	61	26
Burgos (13)	34	5	10	19	29	61	20
Malaga (prom)	34	8	6	20	28	58	19*

*Penalised 3 points.

Assessment – it's all a matter of opinion . . .

by Ken Goldman

THE *News of the World* recently carried a headline entitled "Soccer's Execution Squad" and dealt with the complaints of one referee, Reg Robinson, in particular and several unnamed referees in general, with their major complaint being about the assessors on the Football League.

Robinson is upset that he has not been invited to referee Football League matches this season but he made several points on assessors and assessing which do not stand up to close observation.

He complained that Jack Taylor and Gordon Hill "are not part of the refereeing scene today." The truth is that Taylor was on the assessors list but could not combine the job with the excellent work he is doing for Wolves as commercial manager.

Taylor does still go about the country talking to referees' societies, while Hill made a choice and went to America where he is still strongly connected with refereeing.

The article mentions John Homewood and Norman Burtenshaw but they are also both on the assessors' list and perhaps the most misguided statement of all infers: "Who are these assessors? Some have never taken charge of a League match in their lives."

May I point out that not only have a great many taken charge of league matches but they have also refereed the FA Cup Final. The assessors contain men such as Dave Smith of Gloucester, Ken Burns, who is also president of the Referees' Association, Alf Kelly, who is an FA Referees' Instructor, all of whom refereed FA Cup Finals and Owen Venning the Referees' Association Treasurer, Ron Hounsell and Sid Stokes as well as many more who have devoted a lifetime to progressing the cause of refereeing.

One would have thought that it was infinitely preferable to be judged by one's Peers than to have Club Secretaries and Club Managers, who may be swayed by personal prejudice at the match result, judge you instead.

Indeed that was the old system and the adage in football was that if you wanted to get a referee off the list the winning side gave him a score of nought on the basis that the winning side usually gave a good mark.

There is clearly a problem here and one expressed by a Football League Manager when he said many referees are as Reg Robinson pointed out, frightened to be individuals and referee the way they want to, in case they are frowned upon by the assessor. I pointed out that Clive Thomas seems to have no problems and he is one of the best and has a very individual approach.

Obviously any referee who wants to get on or even to keep himself at the top must be prepared to listen and learn from others since it is often accurately said that the spectator sees more of the game than the participant. Players receive constant assessments each week from their manager and coach.

Perhaps the answer lies in more, not less, assessment with a referee actually watching with an assessor picking up pointers.

Because of certain regulations many referees on the League, who do two weeks out of four, are not allowed to go back into non-league football, but instead go out on park pitches and referee for fun. They help others, which is very beneficial to the players and acts as a refresher for the referee, but does not improve his game.

I can testify to the benefits of "sitting it out" with an assessor, for in my own modest refereeing, my game was quickly improved after sitting next to a League assessor at a non-league match, where he had gone to see a particular referee perform.

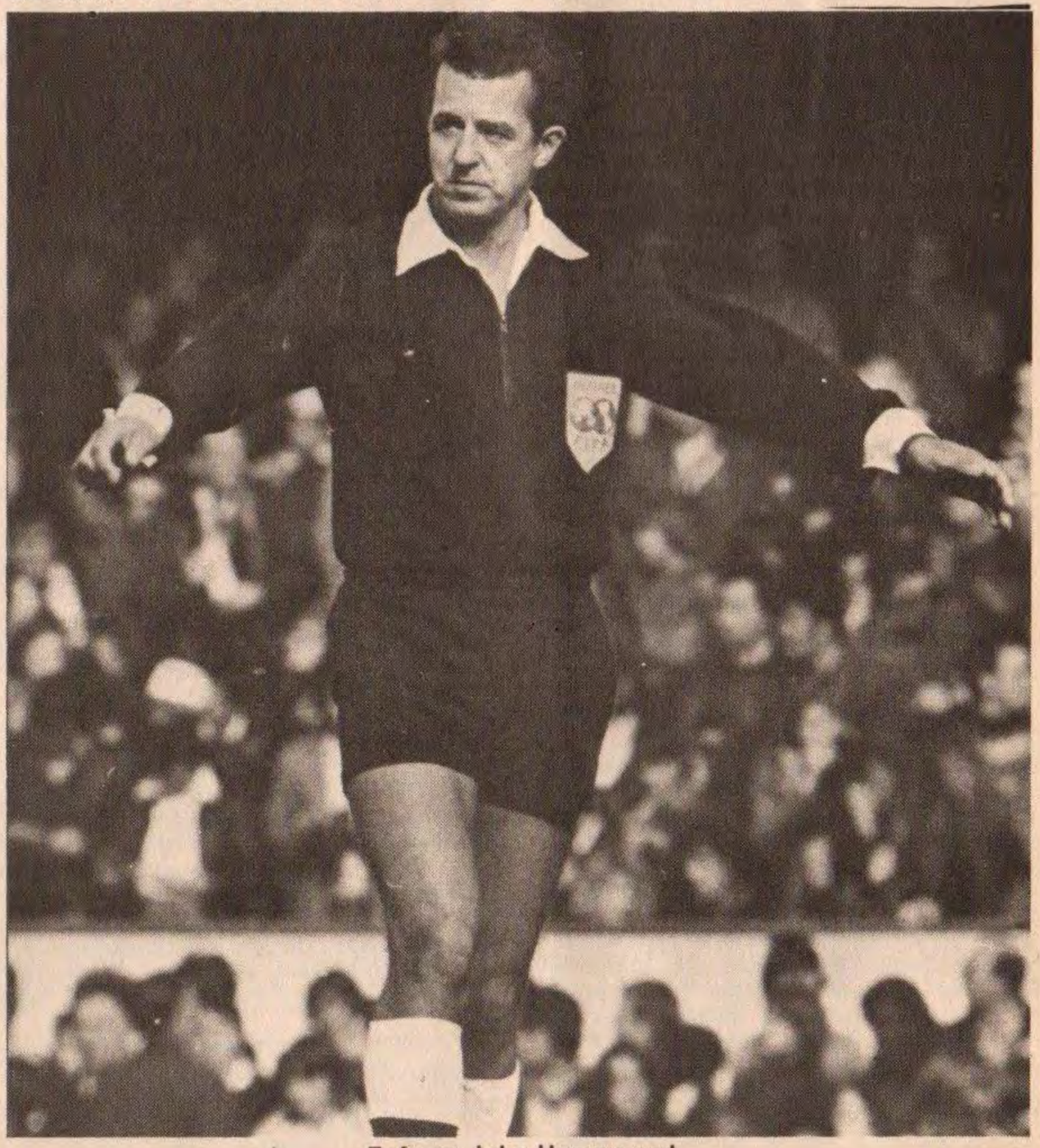
The comments he made to me about clarity of signals, man-management and general allround positioning immediately transferred themselves to my future match performances and I believe this would be a helpful and productive system.

So far as I know the system adopted by the English started here and although there is assessment of referees at FIFA and UEFA levels, there are not such sophisticated systems on the Continent.

Perhaps the real answer lies in another controversial subject . . . professional referees. Then all referees would be the subject of close scrutiny during the course of their contracts.

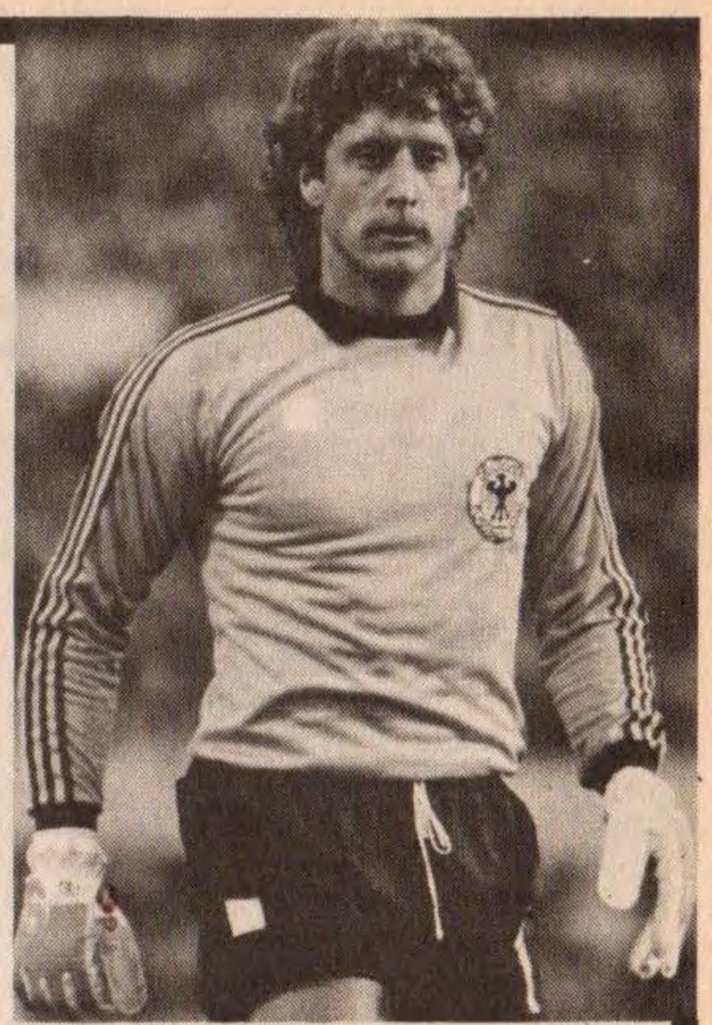
However, until that comes along we must continue with what some consider an imperfect system and others welcome.

When referees reach retiring age, more and more of them are turning to assessment so there can't be too much wrong with the system after all.



Referee John Homewood

Schumacher – luckiest footballer in the world



HARALD "TONI" SCHUMACHER, regards himself as the luckiest footballer in the world. At the start of this past season he was, by general consensus of opinion, rated just number five among West German goalkeepers.

Player Portrait by Arthur Rotmil

Sepp Maier, Norbert Nigbur, Dieter Burdenski and Rudi Kargus were all ahead of him in the quest to establish themselves in the national team. But when the domestic season ended, there was suddenly and quite unexpectedly this 26-year-old 'keeper from Cologne thrust into the cauldron of the European Championship finals as his country's No. 1. What happened to the others? Well, the seemingly indestructible Maier, who during thirteen years (!) had never missed a Bundesliga match, was put out of the game by injuries suffered in a car crash.

Cartilage

Norbert Nigbur, having just convinced everyone that he is his natural successor, went down with a cartilage operation in mid-April; Burdenski, playing for the relegated Werder Bremen lost confidence, while Kargus, in contractual dispute with Hamburger SV, was also deemed "suspect" and like the others ahead of him was not picked for the European tournament either.

This left Schumacher, after just three caps, as the man destined to keep goal in Italy. And there he crowned his unforgettable season with the European Championship winners' medal.

Harald Schumacher was born on March 6, 1954; he first played for the Schwarz-Weiss Düren, before joining Cologne in 1972. He was then understudy to Gerhard Welz. Three years later he was established as first choice, the fans nicknamed him "Toni", because by a strange coincidence, ten years ago the club had a very popular 'keeper called Toni Schumacher — but no relation to Harald.

The new Schumacher was actively concerned in Cologne winning the Cup in 1977 and completing a marvellous "double" in 1978. His greatest disappointment: After Cologne drew 3-3 on Nottingham Forest's ground in the European Cup semi-final (1979), everybody saw the team already in the final due in Munich's Olympic stadium. But a goal by Ian Bowyer out of the blue eliminated Cologne at a stage where they could have won the trophy if they had had to face Malmoe of Sweden on German soil in the final.

Schumacher's consistent performances did not go unnoticed among those close to national team chief, Jupp Derwall. After three appearances in the B team (in addition to six call-ups for the national youth team), on May 26, 1979 Schumacher came on as substitute against Iceland for his first full cap.

But he had a wretched game letting in the goal in a 3-1 win; he was not considered again until April of this year — again as a sub at half-time in the 1-0 win over Austria. Then, after Nigbur had also dropped out through injury, Schumacher was called up for his first full international v. Poland (3-1).

He then earned selection as No. 1 for the European Championship finals, not least on account of his greater experience, for his nearest challengers Junghans (Bayern Munich) and Immel (Borussia Dortmund) are just 21 and 19 years old!

Schumacher did well in Italy, he kept out the Czechs and Greeks, got his hand to the penalty by Rep though he couldn't stop it and was also beaten by a viciously-struck ground shot from Willy Van der Kerkhof, in the 3-2 win over Holland. In the Final v. Belgium he was only beaten by a dubious penalty, but otherwise produced an immaculate performance.

Handling

Schumacher impressed with his positional sense, sure handling and confidence in dealing with crosses. His reflexes are tremendous and he exudes a certain arrogance which instills in his defenders a feeling of security. Privately too, he can look back on a fine 12 months. He had a house built recently into which he will move before Christmas. It is situated in Effern, just two miles from Cologne's own clubhouse. His closest neighbour is Heinz Simmet, a former Cologne midfield player and a favourite "joker" in the dressing room. Now Schumacher, who has a sharp sense of humour, has taken over the mantle of the resident "clown".

Schumacher's charming blonde wife Marlies, who once worked as a chemist assistant, gave her husband as a wedding present an unusual grey parrot, who apparently hails from Africa, somewhere between Zaire and Cameroon. For some time "Tobi", as the bird was called, was the most important "lodger" in the Schumacher houshold — until that is, the first child was born.

Parrot

But "Tobi" whose vocabulary was richer than that of any ordinary parrot, was then regarded as the most intelligent feathered friend in the Bundesliga. Incredibly, he even learned certain expressions used by commentators on radio, reporting football matches. Soon, the most hated word the bird would use on Schumacher's return from a lost match was "Tor" — goal in German!

Life right now could not be better for the Schumacher family. Cologne have a new manager Karl-Heinz Heddergott (replacing Weisweiler who "defected" to New York Cosmos) and after the signing of the England striker Tony Woodcock, the 51 times capped midfielder Rainer Bonhof has returned home from Valencia (Spain) to join the club. Schumacher has high hopes for his team next season.

After one year's absence Cologne are back in Europe — in the UEFA Cup. The club who leads the all-time table of the Bundesliga has never won a European trophy and are determined to put that right.

And the disappointment at losing the Cup Final has already been forgotten as a new wind is blowing through the corridors of the 1.FC Köln. "We have the national team's 'libero' Cullmann, the revelation of the European Championship finals midfielder Schuster, Bonhof, Woodcock and Dieter Müller and we are going places next season," says Harald, or is it Tony?

What to do with the British fans

by BRIAN GLANVILLE

HAVING castigated Scotland's fans for their barbarian antics when they came to Wembley, it would be less than fair to ignore the antics of the England fans in Turin last June, on the occasion of the European Nations Cup. In their way, they were every bit as bad as the Scots when they invaded London, and in each case the answer is suggested in that old adage, an ounce of prevention is worth a ton of cure.

We have, of course, had the usual bird-brained apologists telling us that all the England fans were doing in Turin was to react against the appalling social conditions from which they have sprung; a lady Socialist MP was prominent among such silly people.

A leader in the *Daily Telegraph*, flowerily written it is true, reactionary it is equally true, nonetheless scored a very substantial point when it evoked *WEST SIDE STORY* and that memorable song, "Gee, Officer Krupke," which sent up such apologies rotten. You may remember that a group of young toughs sardonically implore the cop on the beat to make allowances for them, since they come from broken homes and are "depraved on account of we're deprived". The inevitable social worker and psychoanalyst are brought in for good, or bad, measure.

There is clearly good sense in such an attitude, natural justice in relating behaviour to the conditions which produce it, but we must be aware of what the Americans call knee jerk responses, beware of a simplistic attitude which conveniently takes no account of any evidence which points the other way. "Krupke" had it all, most wittily and tunefully, in a nutshell, but a brilliant essay some years ago by Midge Decter in the American magazine, *Commentary*, following the Harlem riots and their massive concomitant looting, put the matter still better into perspective.

Cutting through the thickets of special pleading, tendentious arguing, half-baked psychologising, Miss Decter pointed out that by trying to exculpate young blacks for their behaviour, people were in fact patronising them in the worst possible way. They *did* have a choice. They *were* capable of lifting themselves, rather than succumbing into a morass of sullen self-pity, violent nihilism. Just the same may be said of the Scottish fans who came down to infest London, of the English fans who went to Turin looking for a drink and a brawl.

What happened on the terraces at the England versus Belgium game was in fact almost by way of being a footnote to what had gone on the day before, when 33 English fans had been arrested for drunken brawling in the centre of Turin. Watching these people, listening to them, whether it were in Turin or in a train leaving Naples after the England v Spain game, it was easy to recall the words of the Duke of Wellington on the subject of his troops:

"The scum of the earth, enlisted for drink.

"I don't know whether they frighten the enemy, but by God, they frighten me."

These young thugs travel the country, during the English season, looking for violent excitement, the possibility of attacking other fans, smashing up and looting buffet bars on railways; or even the carriages themselves. Violence is their *raison d'être*, and the reasons for their behaviour are deeply obscure.

There is more to it than alienation — though alienated they are; the rebellious D stream, lost and peripheral in the "affluent" society. For if they are the violent product of their social conditions, why are their West German and Belgian equivalents so peaceful by comparison?

Why was it that Rome, which would have been turned into a maelstrom of aggressive, brawling, jeering louts had England reached the Final, was a pleasant, peaceful place, despite the presence of so many Belgian and West German fans?

What strange, island-bred, xenophobia leads English fans to behave, when they get abroad, like a pillaging army, when those from other nations seem so well controlled? The England fans in Luxemburg, the Tottenham fans in Rotterdam, the England fans again in Turin; these have been horrifying episodes.

To call them, as our little lady MP did, the consequence of deprivation is simply not good enough; though the consciousness of deprivation has something to do with it, and as we know, deprivation is relative. To those who sleep on the pavements of Calcutta, the Watts ghetto of Los Angeles, where there were bloody riots some years ago, would seem sheer luxury.

By the same token, your English tough today, the product of the Welfare State, is by and large a well-grown, well fed, robust creature, nurtured on free milk and orange juice, solaced by unemployment payments, not at all the under-nourished waif of inter-war or pre-Great War days. In the earlier war, the Army found it hard to get recruits in decent physical condition; poverty and industrialism had ground the working classes down into poor, wizened people: but not now.

So we, and our lady MPs, must try harder to find an explanation, although my own shorthand explanation of terrace violence, The Revenge of the D Stream, remains a useful pointer. Comparison, however, suggests there is much, much more to it than that. In the meantime, the attempt to centralise the organisation of English supporters under the football Association having manifestly failed, there is nothing much for it but a blanket ban.

Hard luck on the (possible) majority of quiet, decent English supporters, many of whom, in Turin, paid the penalty for the excesses of the violent (but substantial) minority: yet what else can usefully be done?

There was a sharp pathos about the appeal of the city of Turin to those louts, suggesting they took walks in the parks, visited the city's galleries and museums; the plaintive cry of civilised men to the invading barbarians. As well ask the Goths and Visigoths to spend a little time in Roman libraries!

Of the incidents on the terraces in Turin, much has been written. True, the Italian police at first reacted far too slowly, then far too strongly. Tear gas need never have been used had the police gone in fast as they do in England, instead of taking so long to intervene.

Why, you wondered, was some English superintendent not called in before the tournament started to show the Italians how it should be done; without batons, let alone gas cylinders? This said, however, there is no way to excuse the behaviour of the English louts, who now spread not only across England but across Europe as a plague.

The ban on travel to away matches took care of them here for some time; a similar ban will have to come in Europe. By the same token, if the withdrawal of tickets for Scottish fans at next year's Wembley doesn't work, then the game will either have to be played in midweek, played permanently in Glasgow — where England usually win, in any case — or not played at all.

For the *lumpenproletariat* that disgraced itself in Turin, violence comes first, football second. Better housing, more jobs, better schools are unquestionably the ultimate solution. But Europe can hardly wait as long as that.

Reader's Letter

WHEN you review the European Championships, please state the facts of the England versus Belgium game accurately.

Some of the newspaper reports were so exaggerated that they made all supporters look like the SAS.

The trouble was started by 20 or 30 thugs, but the police took it out on all 10,000 fans. The majority of these were genuine fans who did not want trouble.

At the end of the game the England and Belgium supporters had to form parties to the local camp sites and station because we were so frightened. As it happened few fans went to the match against Italy because of fear and those who did go were showered with stones and bottles.

Commentators and journalists were given the same treatment . . . as long as they were English, they were attacked. Life in the city was very dangerous with gangs of Italians with knives in many alleyways near to the station.

Many English fans were dragged out of their hotels by the police to be searched in the streets. This only touches the surface of a very complex situation but we were all given a hell of a time in Turin.

RICHARD BRAZIER,
Banstead, Surrey

Was it that bad?

asks Keir Radnedge

Dressed for action . . . Italian riot police ready to go into action against England fans.

WAS it really that bad?

Didn't the police over-react, using tear gas?

Weren't the authorities at fault for not expecting such trouble?

All these are questions I've been asked on returning from Turin, where England and Belgium provided the most disturbing match of the European championship finals.

Not disturbing because of the way the teams played, but because of the latest English hooligan outbreak. The fact that this was England's first game in the finals made the impression all the more hideous.

Gasping

The mindless stupidity of English football's regular lunatic fringe was taking over. Suffice it to record briefly the facts: fighting began in the crowd after 30 minutes, immediately upon Belgium's equaliser at 1-1; the riot police lumbered forth and their tear gas tactics forced a four-minute halt in play in the 41st minute, with the players gasping.

The rhythm had gone out of the game by then and was never recaptured. A 1-1 draw was the only fair result, though England had the better chances and thought, indeed, that they had grabbed a winner before Belgium were saved by a dubious offside ruling.

But throughout the second half there was the clear feeling that the occasion was no longer about football — it was all about the frightening simplicity of the way in which stadia can be turned into battlegrounds.

It was sad for the football that did filter through the wafting gas — such as the probing and organising of Wilfried Van Moer, a midfield general who defied the years. Van Moer, it had been suggested, could scarcely last an hour — and then only in a game played at walking pace. In fact it wasn't until two minutes from time that he trotted out of the game.

Offensive

While England's fans were concentrating on the football rather than on their own offensive, there was little to cheer. Tony Woodcock headed badly wide after seven minutes, Trevor Brooking shot weakly in front of goal in the 57th, and though Ray Wilkins scored a brilliant 26th-minute goal, Woodcock was ruled offside in that controversial incident in the 73rd minute.

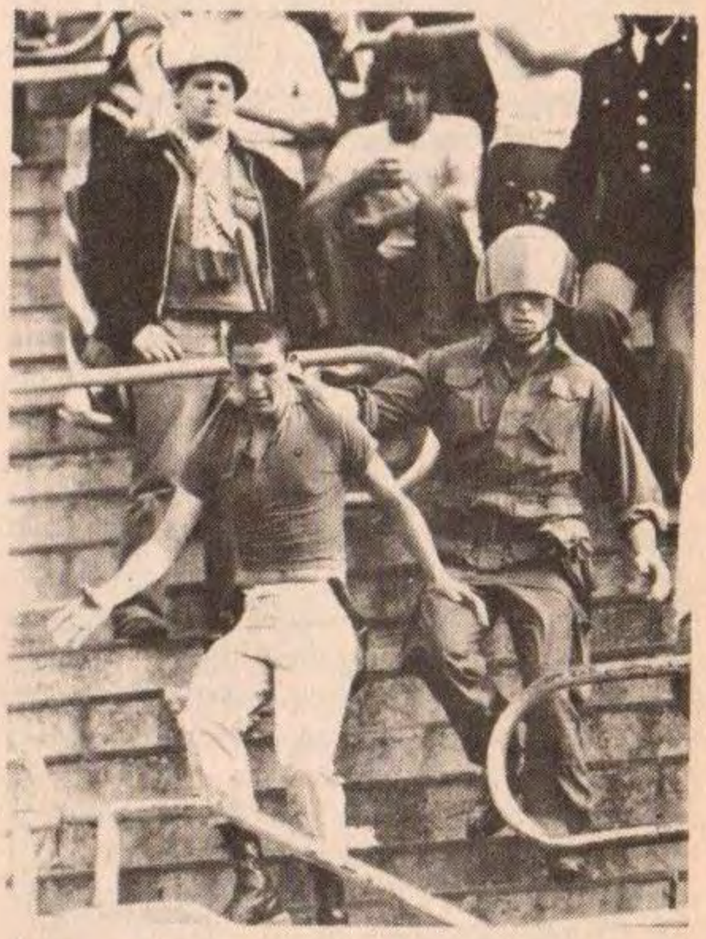
Belgium? They had their moments, particularly when Jan Ceulemans slammed their goal. But with West German referee Heinz Aldinger dithering at a distance, there were more than a few tackles with malice aforethought.

But these are the incidents which will be forgotten.

The fighting will stay in the memory; the surges across the stadium curve; the chilling and redoubtable police counterattack; the explosions of the tear-gas launchers; and the irritation in the eyes as the clouds drifted gently the length of the stadium.

In their confused abhorrence, England's football rulers may have missed the message: tear gas may have been drastic, but it stopped the trouble — fast — without one policeman having to risk his life by diving into the middle of the riot.

If that was over-reaction, then mayby the British police might consider over-reacting themselves a few times this coming season . . .



An England 'supporter' is removed from the terraces by an Italian riot policeman.

In reply to

R. S. Gourley, Crossnacreery, Belfast: Full details of all the European Championship qualifying matches were included as the matches were played during the past two years.

Mita Choudhury, Fanwood, New Jersey, US: Liverpool's address is Liverpool FC, Anfield Road, Liverpool 4.

YOU SAY . . . . . .

SIR—I read with dismay about the attendances at the European championship and would like to offer a solution. The major reason is the way these tournaments are set up in groups. Teams play not to lose instead of playing to win. A boring 0-0 draw thus becomes a good result to both sides.

I would like to see the method of awarding standing points changed to a method similar to the one used in the NASL. I propose eight standing points for a win, three for a draw and one for each goal scored (limited to three goals per match). This would discourage playing for draws as one win would be worth more than two draws.

This method would rid the game of the boring, tactical 0-0 draw.— Alan Kravetz, Columbia, Maryland, US.

SOUTH AMERICA by Eric Weil

River Plate back on top again

River Plate's World Cup mid-fielder Norberto Alonso — here seen heading behind Boca Juniors goalkeeper Gatti — is in top form again as River Plate seem to be striding effortlessly to another Argentine first division title.

AGAIN there seems no doubt that River Plate has by far the strongest squad as they seem to be striding almost effortlessly to their 16th Argentine first division title now that the added pressure of Libertadores Cup play is off. Since the championship resumed, following the return of the national team from their European tour, River Plate have been unbeaten in six matches, picking up nine points to move back into a two-point lead. The run coincided with a return to top form of their World Cup half Norberto Alonso who has had so much to do with all their recent successes.

Among their victims were classical rivals Boca Juniors, beaten 2-1 in a difficult match at home. But for Boca, struggling a point ahead of bottom All Boys before the recess, this was their only defeat since then as they picked up eight points from their six matches. The break had done them good as the team's lengthy injury list shortened and a rest without pressure on them to win helped the players.

Coach Rattin — on the point of being fired not so long ago — is now the hero again. Rattin — the man sent off at Wembley during a 1966 World Cup match against England and a brilliant centre-half in Boca's successful teams of the '60s — is of course tremendously popular with the legion of Boca fans, but they still will not stand a loser and he almost paid the penalty. Most pleasing in Boca's revival is the form of their many older players — Pernia, Veglio, Cocco, etc. — who were thought to be on their way out.

Relegation

But second to River Plate — two points behind — are little Platense, the team with no stars except possibly winger Juarez, their leading scorer. I mentioned previously that they base their success on team-work and discipline which is easier to obtain at a small club more used to struggling in the relegation zone than at a big club where half the players are stars and the other half think they are. Vladislao Cap, their coach and national team coach before Menotti took over, puts it down to "hard work and luck."

Platense have picked up 11 points out of the last 14 and still average less than a goal a game — 21 in 22 — highlighting the tendency of a return to more defensive soccer by a number of teams — notably Estudiantes, Union, Rosario Central, Racing Club, San Lorenzo, Velez Sarsfield — mainy because of a shortage of penetrating forwards and their wanting to play safe.

That is why Huracan immediately hit the headlines when they scored 14 goals in three matches and there was talk of their returning to the form which won them their one and only professional title in 1973 under Menotti before he took over as national team coach. Huracan are ably marshalled by midfielders Brindisi and Babington who were in the 1973 team before playing in the 1974 World Cup with quite some personal success and then moving to foreign clubs for a time. Huracan still do not play like the 1973 team, but if another remaining member, World Cup winger Houseman, decides to train seriously and returns to his defence-splitting form, they may come closer. They are currently in fifth place five points from the top.

Strongest

Third behind Platense are another small club, Argentinos Juniors — three points from the top with a match in hand — led by midfielder Maradona who is easily championship top scorer with 19 goals, followed by Huracan's Sanabria with 14. Level with them are Talleres Cordoba, still only playing the kind of soccer in flashes which made them about the strongest team in the country before they entered the first division this season. But internal problems, sparked off by the suspension of internationals Valencia and Ludueña as a club disciplinary measure — apparently because they were seen dining and wining at a restaurant after midnight — did not help, resulting in a 5-1 home defeat by Huracan the same week.

Newell's Old Boys meanwhile, who topped the table before the recess, have won only one match in six since, being held scoreless in the last three in spite of which they are still the championship's highest scorers jointly with Huracan with 40 goals.

Slipping also are big clubs Velez Sarsfield — two places from the bottom, seemingly unable to score and still with the Libertadores Cup on their minds — and Independiente who were considered one of the favourites at the start of the season. Things are just not coming off for Independiente who have the players to do better than their recent record of only one win in nine matches indicates, but when a team continually has more of the ball and fails to win there is either something very wrong or the fact that things aren't coming off as they should is leading the whole team into desperation . . . which seems to be the case with Independiente.

But worrying for soccer officials in general must be the ever-falling gates. On a recent Sunday only 94,000 tickets were sold at the nine first division matches and for the following Wednesday evening's mid-week games only 34,000 including the season's low of 419 for the Tigre-Colon clash. The return to a longer championship this season — which makes mid-week games necessary — has not been a financial success, but it must be remembered that club members get in without buying a ticket at their own stadium. There is also a campaign at the moment to stop a quantity of other people who somehow manage to get in without paying.

In Peru: FALLING STANDARDS

THE sensation in Peru continues to be Atletico Torino — from Talara, some 850 km north of Lima — who, without any outstanding players, remained unbeaten during their first eight matches before finally falling 2-1 to newly promoted Tarma. They are now headed in the table by still unbeaten champions Sporting Cristal, one point ahead.

Modest Torino rely largely on the team which narrowly escaped relegation last season and their success is based on enthusiasm and good defence — five goals against in nine games which is the best defensive record with joint second Alfonso Ugarte — rather than any technical skills. Their success is also the result of the poor standard of play in the Peruvian league.

Leaders Sporting Cristal, with their strong line-up including eight current internationals, are no better and it is unlikely that many of

AMERICA TOP IN MEXICO . . .

AMERICA finished the Mexican first division regular season with the best record of 57 points from 38 matches while Atlante's Brazilian striker, Evanibaldo Castro "Cabinho" created a new Mexican league record by finishing as top scorer for the fifth season running.

The same eight teams which had been occupying the top two places in the four groups of the championship practically all season — Cruz Azul and Atlante in group 1, Universidad Autonoma de Mexico and Tampico in group 2, America and Neza in group 3, Zacatepec and Universidad de Nuevo Leon in group 4 — qualified for the final play-offs with America having been the first to make sure of a place several weeks earlier while going through a 19-game unbeaten run. Champions Cruz Azul ended it by beating America 2-0 three games from the end and the two clubs are strong candidates for the title.

Coached

Curiously Cruz de Azul are under Ignacio Trelles who has been considered the best Mexican coach for years, while America are coached by Antonio Roca who learnt the tricks of the trade under Trelles.

Cabinho topped the scorers' table with 30 goals — also a league record — followed by Hugo Sanchez of Universidad Autonoma de Mexico with 29. Sanchez is due to move to San Diego of the North American Soccer League where he will join up with compatriot Leonardo Cuellar.

River Plate and national team captain Daniel Pasarella (background left) has just scored his team's first goal with a free-kick against classical rivals Boca Juniors whose goalkeeper Gatti watches the ball go into the net. River Plate won 2-1 at home in the Argentine first division.

their players will wear national colours again. Long-serving international defender Chumpitaz has already signified his intention of retiring from the international scene.

Also still unbeaten are popular Universitario de Deportes, but with only two wins and seven draws in fourth place, while another popular team with many current and past internationals, Alianza Lima, are strangely struggling near the bottom of the table.

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IN URUGUAY champions Peñarol, strangely in the bottom half of the table for once, are searching for more African players.

They already have Ghana international John Yawson on their books who had however not played in a first division match up to press time. Nacional top the first division with 16 points from 10 matches. Peñarol, who lost 3-1 against their classical rivals, have nine.

IN PARAGUAY, champions Olimpia — who also hold the Libertadores Cup, Inter-American and Inter-continental (Europe-South America) cups — gained only one point from their first four first division games and fired Uruguayan coach Pedro Cubillas, brother of Luis under whom they had won all these championships the previous season.

He was replaced by compatriot Ricardo De Leon who saw his new team beat Sportivo Luqueño 3-1 for their first victory of the season in their first match under him. Then they lost one and won another match and have now moved from the bottom of the table to joint sixth in the 10-team tournament — five points behind leaders Cerro Porteño.

IN ECUADOR, South America's closest championship was in progress with only seven points separating the 10 Division A teams after 14 games from which leaders Universidad Catolica de Quito had gained 18 points and bottom Deportivo Cuenca 11.

The championship is made more interesting by the fact that it is played in two stages with promotion and relegation between Division A and B after each stage followed by a final round between the top three teams of each stage. Ecuadorian international Vinicio Ron, who plays for leaders UC Quito, was top scorer with nine goals followed by two Argentinians — team mate Mario Raffart and Liga Deportiva Universitaria's Nestor Doroni with eight.

Diego for Spain?

IN his very first press conference after returning from Europe with the Argentine national team, Argentine FA president Julio Grondona said: "The Maradona case is closed." He was not very prophetic.

While the Argentine FA continues to insist that it will not scratch Diego Maradona's name from the list of players wanted for the national team and banned from being transferred to foreign clubs — although knowing full well that the ban has no legal standing — the player, already in possession of his $2 million signing-on fee from Spain's Barcelona, said he would be in Spain by July 23 to join his new team mates in preparing for the new season . . . and the Spanish club's coach, Helenio Herrera, was in Buenos Aires at the end of June to make final arrangements.

Meanwhile came another transfer offer from Italy's Juventus — reported to be much higher than the $6 million offered by Barcelona — which has since boiled down to a request for a nine-month loan of the player to cover the forthcoming Italian season and which could be a way around the FA's transfer ban.

Backing

But the player's present club, Argentinos Juniors, in conjunction with the FA, continue to try and arrange financial backing to be able to give Maradona a contract comparable to that offered by Barcelona.

The latest is that a group of businesses is backing the modest club in offering Maradona one million dollars to sign a contract until after the 1982 World Cup plus $250,000 each over the next two years apart from a French sports clothes firm's offer of one million dollars for four years for the player to wear their clothes — a total offer which still falls somewhat short of Barcelona's.

Maradona meanwhile got into a scuffle with a "fan" over the signing of an autograph and knocked him out. The fan complained to the police who arrested the player for six hours and the case now goes to court. The story goes that it was a "put up job" to stop the player from leaving the country. A judge can order him not to do so during the hearing and court cases here can drag on for months.

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• ELIAS FIGUEROA, the veteran Chilean international defender back from China where he had been giving soccer instruction for 20 days, says that Chinese soccer should reach the top as soon as they correct a number of tactical deficiencies. "Contrary to general belief Chinese players are tall and have good physiques," says Figueron. "They have technique, are agile and shoot well at goal, but they do not know how to head a ball and find difficulty in controlling it in the air. Another of their difficulties is that they try to play too fast . . . faster than the pace at which they are able to play with precision."

AFRICA by James Mwambazi

Kampela Katumba of Zambia heads the ball away while his colleagues, Kaiser Kalambo (3), Evans Katebe (6) and Michael Musonda (4) keep guard in the goal-mouth. This was the first leg of the World Cup qualifying tie played between Ethiopia and Zambia in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. The teams drew 0-0.

Olympic battles

THE three African qualifiers for the Olympic soccer tournament, Algeria, Nigeria and Zambia, went to Moscow with the odds stacked against them.

Zambia were in Group One against the Soviet Union, Cuba and Venezuela. Nigeria, the African champions, faced former European champions, Czechoslovakia, Colombia and Kuwait in Group Two and Algeria met Spain, East Germany and Syria in Group Three.

Students of African football are all agreed that the African representatives could measure up well against the Middle East teams of Kuwait, Syria and Cuba but they cannot hope to match the virtuosity of European teams and to some extent those of Venezuela and Colombia.

This apprehension is understandable. The spectre of the 1974 World Cup in West Germany is still haunting the continent of Africa. In those finals, Zaire, who were the sole African representatives, then under a Yugoslav coach Vidinic, suffered the ignomity of a 9-0 pounding by Yugoslavia and a 2-0 thumping at the hands of Scotland. Zaire didn't score a single goal in the entire tournament and were disbanded soon after returning to Kinshasa by the government of Mobutu Sese Seko.

Zaire have not been the same again since that fateful journey to West Germany.

It is with this background that there was an aura of pessimism as the three teams put final touches to their plans for Moscow.

For Zambia, the Moscow mission could not have come at a worse time. Morale of players was at its lowedst ebb after a spate of catastrophies. Two defeats at the hands of inexperienced Zimbabwe (1-2, 1-3), a 0-2 whacking by Malawi and an embarrassing 1-4 defeat by Egypt. Their only good, easy result was a 5-0 walloping they inflicted on an unlucky Ethiopia in the first round, second leg of the World Cup qualifying tie in Ndola. They had drawn 0-0 in the first leg played in Addis Ababa.

Zambia's situation has been worsened by the departure of national coach, Brian Tiler, who left at the end of the 1978/79 season, leaving acting national coach, Dick Chama of Green Buffaloes FC to rebuild the squad.

The Football Association of Zambia (FAZ) have accepted Ante Buselic's request to return to Zambia to help in the preparation of the squad for the Moscow job and subsequent international games of the World Cup qualifying series. He will be with the team until September when he returns to Makaraska, Yugoslavia where he is professor of Physical Education.

Squad

Buselic was Zambia's first national coach from 1971 to 1976 and during his five-year spell in Zambia he took the squad to the top of African football, qualified for the finals of the African Nations Cup for the first time in 1974, qualified for the 1976 Olympic soccer tournament which was to be boycotted later by Africa, and also finished third after Zaire and Morocco in the African zone of the 1974 World Cup qualifying series.

Zambia and Cuba last met in two friendlies in 1977. In the first game played at the Independence Stadium in Lusaka, Cuba were beaten 2-0 by the Zambia B side. Cuba took 30 minutes to get accustomed and then proceeded to run the Zambia A team off their feet to the tune of one goal to nil in the second match played at Scrivener Stadium in Kitwe. But this game was abandoned before full time following an exchange of blows by players of both teams.

Of the Zambian players who met Cuba, three are still with the present day team. They are Godfrey Chitalu of Kabwe Warriors, the bulwark of the Zambian attack. He was voted the best forward in Africa during the finals of the African Nations Cup in Cairo in 1974, and last year's footballer of the year. But age is catching up on him. Then there is Alex Chola of Power Dynamos. A young player with lethal boots who is capable of winning the game single handed. Kaiser Kalambo of Ndola United, very diminutive but an imperturbable left full back who has a heart of a lion.

But Zambia will badly miss the services of an all time great mid-fielder, Jani Simulambo of Green Buffaloes. He is an intelligent player and brains behind all the fine moves in Zambia's midfield. He is currently plagued with injuries he sustained in friendly games against Zimbabwe.

Like Zambia, Nigeria also qualified for the 1976 Olympic soccer tournament but withdrew following an African mass boycott of the Games. This was their second appearance in the tournament following their debut in Mexico in 1968. Against Japan, Nigeria lost 1-3, were beaten 0-3 by Spain but held Brazil 3-3.

Nigeria's morale is currently at a zenith after their impressive victory in the Africa Cup of Nations in which they beat Algeria 3-0 in the final match to clinch the crown for the first time in 12 years. But whether they will play with the same enthusiasm as they did in the African Cup series is debatable.

Algeria will have had their baptism in the tournament and their group was the most difficult one because of the presence of Spain and East Germany. Algeria are however in a more advantageous position than their African allies because of the constant exposure to the European type of football by playing against teams in the mediterranean region.

EUROPEAN CHAMPION CLUB'S CUP

Preliminary Round
Honved Budapest v Valletta Malta

First Round
Linfield FC v FC Nantes
Aberdeen FC v Austria Memphis Wien
IBV Iceland v Banik Ostrava
Dinamo Tirana v Ajax Amsterdam
Club Brugge v FC Basel
CSKA Sofia v Nottingham Forest
Liverpool FC v Oulun Palloseura
Olympiakos du Pirée v Bayern München
Viking Stavanger v Crvena Zvezda Beograd
Real Madrid v Limerick United
Halmstads BK v Esbjerg fB
Sporting Clube Portugal v Vainqueur tour préliminaire
Trabzonspor v GKS Szombierki Bytom
AS La Jeunesse d'Esch v Spartak Moskwa
Dynamo Berlin v Apoel Nicosia
FC Internazionale v Universitatea Craiova

EUROPEAN CUP WINNERS' CUP

Preliminary Round
Celtic FC v Diosgyoeri Miskolc
Sport Lisboa e Benfica v Altay Izmir

First Round
Malmö FF v Partizani Tirana
Fortuna Düsseldorf v SV Casino Salzburg
Valencia CF v AS de Monaco
West Ham United v Castilla CF
Vainqueur tour prél. 1 v Politehnica Timisoara
AS Roma v FC Carl Zeiss Jena
FC Sion v Haugar FC
Kastoria de Kastoria v Dinamo Tbilisi
CA Spora Luxembourg v Sparta Praha
Hibernians FC Malta v Waterford FC
Hvidovre IF v Fram Reykjavik
Omonia Nicosia v K. Waterschei Thor Genk
Dinamo Zagreb v Vainqueur tour prél. 2
Slavia Sofia v Legia Warszawa
Ilves Tampere v Feyenoord Rotterdam
Newport County AFC v Crusaders FC

UEFA CUP

First Round
RWD Molenbeek v AC Torino
Hamburger SV v FC Sarajevo
Real San Sebastian v Ujpesti Dozsa
Zbrojovka Brno v SK Vöest Linz
Grasshopper Club v Kjøbenhavns KB
AZ' 67 Alkmaar v Red Boys Differdange
Bohemians Praha v Real Sporting Gijon
FC Porto v Dundalk FC
FC Juventus v Panathinaikos Athènes
FC Barcelona v Sliema Wanderers
Dynamo Dresden v FK Napredak
Vasas Budapest v Boavista Porto
Twente Enschede v IFK Göteorg
1. FC Köln v IA Akranes
FC Sochaux v Servette FC
Manchester United v RTS Widzew Lodz
KSC Lokeren v Dinamo Moskwa
PSV Eindhoven v Wolverhampton Wanderers
WKS Slask Wroclaw v Dundee United
1. FC Magdeburg v Moss FK
1. FC Kaiserslautern v RSC Anderlechtois
AS Saint-Etienne v Kuopion Palloseura
Ballymena United v FC Vorwärts Frankfurt/Oder
IF Elfsborg v St. Mirren FC
VfB Stuttgart v Pezoporikos Larnaca
Dinamo Kiev v Levski Spartak Sofia
R. Standard de Liège v Steaua Bucuresti
Ipswich Town v Aris Thessaloniki
Shakhter Donetsk v Eintracht Frankfurt
Fenerbahce Istanbul v Beroe Stara Zagora
FC Utrecht v FC Arges Pitesti
Lask Linz v FC Radnicki

THE BIG FIELD

COUNTRY	CHAMPIONS' CUP	CUP-WINNERS' CUP	UEFA CUP
ALBANIA	Dinamo Tirana	Partizani	Nendori
AUSTRIA	FK Austria	Austria-Salzburg*	VOEST Linz, Graz
BELGIUM	Bruges	Waterschei	Standard, RWDM, Lokeren, Anderlecht
BULGARIA	CSKA Sofia	Slavia Sofia	Beroe Stara Zagora
CYPRUS	Apoel Nicosia	Omonia	
CZECHOSLOVAKIA	Banik Ostrava	Sparta Prague	Zbrojovka Brno, Bohemians Prague
DENMARK	Esbjerg	Hvidovre	KB Copenhagen
EIRE	Limerick	Waterford	Dundalk
FINLAND	OPs Palloseura	Ilves	
FRANCE	Nantes	Monaco	Saint-Etienne, Sochaux
EAST GERMANY	Dynamo Berlin	Carl Zeiss Jena	Dresden, Magdeburg, Vorwaerts
WEST GERMANY	Bayern Munich	F. Düsseldorf	Hamburg, Stuttgart, Kaiserslautern, Koln, Eintracht Frankfurt (holders)
GREECE	Olympiakos	Kastoria	Aris, Panathinaikos
ENGLAND	Nottm F (holders), Liverpool	West Ham	Ipswich, Man Utd, Wolves
ICELAND	IB Vestmannaer	Fram Reykjavik	Akranes
N. IRELAND	Linfield	Crusaders	Ballymena
ITALY	Internazionale	Roma	Juventus, Torino
YUGOSLAVIA	Red Star Belgrade	Dynamo Zagreb	Radnicki, Sarajevo, Napredak
LUXEMBOURG	Jeunesse	Niedercorn*	
MALTA	Valletta	Hibernian	
NORWAY	Viking	Hauger*	Moss
NETHERLANDS	Ajax	Feyenoord	Alkmaar, PSV, Utrecht, Twente
POLAND	Szombierki	Legia Warsaw	
PORTUGAL	Sporting Club	Benfica	Porto, Boavista
ROMANIA	Un. Craiova	Timisoara	Steaua, Arges Pitesti
SCOTLAND	Aberdeen	Celtic	Dundee Utd, St Mirren
SPAIN	Real Madrid	Castilla*, Valencia (holders)	Real Sociedad, Gijon, Barcelona
SWEDEN	Halmstadt	Malmö	IFK Gothenburg, Elfsborg
SWITZERLAND	Basle	Sion	Grasshoppers, Servette
TURKEY	Trabzonspor	Altay Izmir	Fenerbahce
HUNGARY	Honved	Diosgyoer	Vasas, Ujpest
RUSSIA	Moscow Spartak	Dynamo Tbilisi	Shakhtor Donetsk, Kiev, Moscow Dynamo
WALES		Newport	

*denotes runners-up

College soccer

Readers reply to Toby Glanville

I am writing this after reading my July issue of *World Soccer*. After many, many years of counting on your publication to keep me informed as to football happenings around the world in a truly professional manner, excluding the fan magazine nonsense, I feel the urgent need to communicate and criticise the article by Toby Glanville so vividly displayed this month. I hope you will read the letter in that it is the first of its kind that I have ever written to any media source.

Frankly, this kind of petulant, self-serving writing must be what we in North America call a "cheap shot"! There might be a place for such a work in a lesser magazine, but in *World Soccer* it becomes embarrassing!

Having coached and managed soccer (evidently Glanville does not like the word in that he continually uses quotation marks or calls the game "saaacer") for over twenty years here in the US, my work has allowed for travel and soccer study all through Europe, South America and Mexico — including over a dozen training stints in the UK.

We have toured with schoolboys, university level players and now schoolgirls since 1966 and were any of our players to respond to genuine hospitality in the manner of master Glanville, we would likely pack them off post-haste!

The local citizens of Oneonta, NY, and the families who "layed on lavish evenings" to visiting English players may be relatively new to the game, nor as able and willing to dispense venom as well as young Glanville, but were, in fact, honestly excited about welcoming players from overseas — players I am sure they hoped would bring not only talent but good manners to their community.

Toby Glanville then has also besmirched the attitude and marvellous hospitality shown by many English people who have, over the years, hosted Americans in equally lavish ways and were — using the Glanville word — "ignorant" — of such things as baseball and American football, etc.

Possibly he has been reading too much of his father's criticism of the NASL when he suggests "soccer is more of a fashion than a sport or recreation" in his view of the US. Most of us deplore the workings of that professional league other that the truly dedicated job Phil Woosnam has done during his tenure!

In the areas of youth play, schools, and colleges (university), we consider "soccer" *the* major sport as well as recreational. Our crimes obviously include top level kit and balls (whenever possible), the best playing surfaces we can develop and again, whenever possible, top quality gymnasium and support equipment. The "PE Block" so casually derided by Glanville contains two gymnasiums, a six lane bowling alley, a full-size swimming pool, handball and squash courts, a wrestling room, a gynmastics centre and stuios for modern dance as well as locker rooms, shower and training (physiotherapy) facilities.

Having visited Hartwick College, I would vastly prefer to maintain myself as an athlete in these conditions than in the non-existent ones at Formia, Italy, where Glanville evidently spent three exhilerating months previous to his trip to the US! If we here were to listen to Glanville (and believe him), our suggestion then would first be to abandon any ideas of English teams using the new facilities at Bisham Abbey, or other such sites, for more spartan and more favourable quarters!

Academically, Hartwick does not claim to be Harvard University, but then I suspect that Sunderland Polytechnic does not claim to be Oxford. I have obtained a catalogue from Hartwick College for your perusal. I find the French offering at Level III reasonable, if not outstanding. I would have thought a person as concerned with the academic life as Toby Glanville would have looked into that aspect of his four year term before anything else.

We do consider classwork the most important condition of small college life in North America! Possibly Glanville was confusing Hartwick with Ohio State University and the "big time" American football programme (oh yes, we criticise our own institutions, too).

The athletic "scholarship" programme has been abused again and again in the US — that is nothing new to journalists all over the world, but in the smaller colleges particularly, that abuse is negligible. Hartwick College is NOT a place where "for $27,000 four years of shelter are provided from the outside world" . . . Mr. Glanville (Jr, that is) should have taken time to notice that over half the student body at Hartwick receive some form of financial aid, were NOT born with "silver baseball bats in their mouths", and appreciate the opportunity of gaining a college education!

It is a shame that in a sincere effort to upgrade a soccer programme with experienced and talented young players (by the way ...just how good is young Glanville?), the College and the coach were willing to obtain financial assistance for an ingrate who could not even give the experience a chance. His one month (think of that!) sojourn could not even allow a reasonable appraisal of the full four year programme. We recommended a six month "hang-in-there" period for our students going overseas to study — and that a simple minimum! Could it be that almost all the vitriolic commentary and sophomoric humour (what truly worthless cartoons) stems from a position in the reserves and not the first eleven?

Now, and most important, to matters of "soccer". Glanville expresses shock at two-a-day workouts in pre-season. Where, oh, where is the English "work rate", "bulldog marking", and "fitness principles" of what we in North America have come to know as the hallmarks of English soccer? If, as is suspected, young Glanville has toured with his journalist father in Europe and elsewhere, what has he to say about the German, Dutch, Hungarian and other training methods that also hold to severe early conditioning and obedience to discipline.

I find nothing more than a lack of intestinal fortitude in his comments! Yes, frequently American coaches must emphasize (and sometimes over-emphasize) tactics in order to meet the demands of the available schedule. We do not have the experienced individuals with skill and imagination in abundance as has "the rest of the world", but when those individuals are in our sides, I am certain American coaches will, for the most part, reverse their training goals to skills/imagination first and tactics second.

As to the coach's "X's and O's". Well, I have watched many an English coach have at the diagram board and frequently have had difficulty keeping up with the numbers and squiggles. Sticking it out, however,

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AS a regular reader of *World Soccer* I am accustomed to a diet of well written and scrupulously fair articles.

You can therefore imagine my anger that you chose to sully the pages of your magazine with the piece entitled "College Soccer in the USA."

Toby Glanville's account of his experiences at Hartwick College were presumably meant to show what are the weaknesses of university soccer in the States.

Instead, to this unprejudiced eye, they proclaimed the faults of Master Glanville. He appears to be a rather confused young man.

One moment his critical barbs are aimed at facilities which he incredibly believes to be too good, the next moment he is grumbling about having to play on a baseball diamond.

It would be redundant to go through the many irrationalities elsewhere in the piece — everything from ridiculing American accents (how juvenile!) to our hero's surprise that his coach admired the Holland team of 1974.

Maybe I too am being unfairly prejudiced but I believe the demotion of the young Englishmen speaks volumes for the growing health of US soccer. No longer will it be a paradise for European dilettantes unwilling to give the same level of effort and commitment as native products.

In conclusion this can truly be said about your cub reporter Master Glanville: He may have blown his soccer scholarship, but he graduated in the revered British discipline of moaning.

J. Stewart Brown,
(British, and often in cases like this, ashamed of it)

in the USA

allowed me to understand their desires and principles — most of which turned out to be sound and worthwhile!

I have enclosed a xerox copy of the cover of Eric Batty's book *Soccer Coaching the Modern Way*. Many of us believe Batty to be one of the most honest and effective writers in the game, and have learned much from him in person and through reading.

But (Sorry, Eric) that cover and many of his ensuing diagrams could be classified as "serious X's and O's"! Again, once understood, they allow better understanding for all concerned. The Glanville quote "certainly few players were able to comprehend his X's and dots, his 'man-to-man' marcation, situation zones, his intricately planned restarts and 90 minutes total intensity" was made to be depreciative.

What may I ask is wrong with . . . considering man-to-man marking (especially when one has to try and teach it to American "novices"), zone defence (the same), restarts (have the Brazilians, Hungarians, et. al. been so foolish as to seriously consider this aspect of the game?), or 90 minutes of hard and disciplined work (there it is again . . . the "work rate").

Yes, coach Lennox may have been less than perfect with his presentation, but would not a few more days of willing study have been able to clarify the matter? A man named Jape Shattuck is mentioned — as a "psycher-upper". Yes, many of our teams have them, but I respectfully submit to Master Glanville, as a gentleman, that so do his beloved Italian and English sides! I need name none, we all have seen them, and frankly, more often than not are respected in their jobs and what it means to a side as a play-off to a coach.

As to Mr. Shattuck's nose cream, all I can say is that one hopes Mr. Glanville never suffers from either sun of insect sensitivity. I would hate to hear his cries at that time! Had he been in Mexico in 1970, Glanville would have seen a number of worthy English players training in Guadalajara and using much the same ointments.

It is possible that coach Lennox deserves genuine criticism for his techniques and habits. Has there ever been a coach or trainer not under hard scrutiny? If true, I will have to wait for two things . . . first a critique written in a professional and objective manner — not from a source so suspect in integrity and decency. Lennox has a reputation here as a man of dedication and great concern for his players. Enthusiasm, dedication and guts are needed at every turn as we try to bring soccer to the fore in America.

Nothing I have read or heard suggests a lack of these qualities in the man. As to his techniques — for good or bad Hartwick College has taken a National Championship and remains a major force in our "less than developed" soccer. I was in Germany for the 1974 World Cup play (Glanville recalls the photos on the coach's wall) and saw Jim Lennox, among others, study, study, study, while others were enjoying the ambiance and little else.

If he wishes to emulate Holland . . . why not? Of course he cannot bring it off at the level of play in Munich — but to be criticised for trying?

As a coach, I have, since the early 1960's tried to emulate Ron Greenwood, both in systems of play and as a gentleman. My teams cannot duplicate the skills and play of Mr. Greenwood's sides, *but they are better for trying!*

Will Mr. Glanville give us future words and insulting cartoons of his trainer in Italy? Or does he fall at the altar of that negativity? Oh, by the way, I have photos on my office wall of Ron Greenwood, some of the past West Ham sides, and some of the groups together in Munich in '74. Reminders of great experiences, fine people, and THE game. In later years Toby Glanville will hang some . . . I would be most interested to see the selection!

In conclusion, I must again state how disappointed I am to have seen WORLD SOCCER stoop to this kind of writing. I have spoken with no friends as yet as to the article, nor have I written to a fine young man in Oneonta, NY, who continues to devote his energies to coaching his college side and developing support for his players among a less than world-class population who may be accused of nothing else than genuine friendliness to "soccer" players.

I will write however — in full support! I look forward to more work by totally professional and honest journalists, the likes of Eric Batty, Leslie Vernon and Keir Radnedge (among others) in future issues of WORLD SOCCER and *none* from the piteous pen of Toby Glanville!

Jackman Stewart
NSCOA

AS a long time subscriber, I feel I must protest over the Toby Glanville story on US college soccer in your July 1980 issue. This article, complete with absurdly grotesque illustrations, was truly unworthy of your usually fine magazine. (Let me hasten to add I do not know Mr. Lennox, nor am I in any way affiliated with Hartwick. I've never even seen the team play.)

After reading — and rereading — this article it seems obvious to me that Toby Glanville is a naive young man suffering from a severe case of "sour grapes". He evidently was neither physically nor mentally prepared when he arrived to play at Hartwick and was unable to accept the fact that he'd have to prove himself with a good run in the JV side. Rather than give the school, and himself, *an honest chance he elected to go home.*

I'm sorry he had such a disappointing time of it. I am also sorry that in this article he chose to malign virtually everyone he came in contact with — coaches, teammates, fellow students, soccer facilities, the academic quality of the college, US college soccer in general, even the populace of Oneonta. All of this on the basis of a mere ONE MONTH STAY!

What I find outrageous is the fact that your magazine hasn't even taken the time to present Mr. Lennox's side of the story. You also neglected to mention that Toby is the son of Brian Glanville, one of your regular contributors.

I should very much like to see BOTH *sides of this story in print. Perhaps Paul Gardner could enlighten us.*

Finally, I sincerely hope you avoid such one-sided stories in the future. It's debatable whether this topic is worthy of two full pages in the first place, but if you decide it is please do it fairly. "Cheap shot" reporting should have no place in your magazine.

Douglas S. MaKitten

. . . the next stage is to buy the kit and a shiny, expensive ball, but what to do with it? These are children who generally come from wealthy families.

FIXTURES

BELGIUM

August 24:
Supa Cup te Brussels:
Brugge v Beveren

August 27:
R.W.D.M. v Winterslag
Kortrijk v SV Brugge
Beerschot v Berchem
Luik v Beveren
Beringen v Standard
Lokeren v AA Gent
Cl. Brugge v Waregem
Waterschei v Anderlecht
Antwerp v Lierse

September 3:
Anderlecht v Antwerp
Waregem v Waterschei
AA Gent v Cl. Brugge
Standard v Lokeren
Beveren v Beringen
Berchem v Luik
SV Brugge v Beerschot
Winterslag v Kortrijk
Lierse v R.W.D.M.

September 7:
Anderlecht v Waregem (6/9)
Kortrijk v Lierse
Beerschot v Winterslag (6/9)
Luik v SV Brugge
Beringen v Berchem
Lokeren v Beveren
Cl. Brugge v Standard
Waterschei v AA Gent (6/9)
Antwerp v R.W.D.M.

September 14:
R.W.D.M. v Kortrijk
Waregem v Antwerp
AA Gent v Anderlecht
Standard v Waterschei
Beveren v Cl. Brugge
Berchem v Lokeren
SV Brugge v Beringen
Winterslag v Luik (13/9)
Lierse v Beerschot

September 21:
Anderlecht v Standard (20/9)
Waregem v AA Gent
Beerschot v R.W.D.M. (20/9)
Luik v Lierse
Beringen v Winterslag
Lokeren v SV Brugge
Cl. Brugge v Berchem
Waterschei v Beveren (20/9)
Antwerp v Kortrijk

September 28:
R.W.D.M. v Luik
Kortrijk v Beerschot
AA Gent v Antwerp
Standard v Waregem
Beveren v Anderlecht
Berchem v Waterschei
SV Brugge v Cl. Brugge
Winterslag v Lokeren (27/9)
Lierse v Beringen

October 5:
Anderlecht v Berchem (4/10)
Waregem v Beveren
AA Gent v Standard
Luik v Kortrijk
Beringen v R.W.D.M.
Lokeren v Lierse
Cl. Brugge v Winterslag
Waterschei v SV Brugge (4/10)
Antwerp v Beerschot

October 11:
R.W.D.M. v Lokeren
Kortrijk v Beringen
Beerschot v Luik
Standard v Antwerp
Beveren v AA Gent
Berchem v Waterschei
SV Brugge v Anderlecht
Winterslag v Waregem
Lierse v Cl. Brugge

October 19:
Anderlecht v Winterslag (18/10)
Waregem v SV Brugge
AA Gent v Berchem
Standard v Beveren
Beringen v Beerschot
Lokeren v Kortrijk
Cl. Brugge v R.W.D.M.
Waterschei v Lierse (18/10)
Antwerp v Luik

October 26:
R.W.D.M. v Waterschei
Kortrijk v Cl. Brugge
Beerschot v Lokeren (25/10)
Luik v Beringen
Beveren v Antwerp
Berchem v Standard
SV Brugge v AA Gent
Winterslag v Waregem (25/10)
Lierse v Anderlecht

November 9:
Anderlecht v R.W.D.M. (8/11)
Waregem v Lierse
AA Gent v Winterslag
Standard v SV Brugge
Beveren v Berchem
Lokeren v Luik
Cl. Brugge v Beerschot
Waterschei v Kortrijk (8/11)
Antwerp v Beringen

November 15:
R.W.D.M. v Waregem
Kortrijk v Anderlecht
Beerschot v Waterschei
Luik v Cl. Brugge
Beringen v Lokeren
Berchem v Antwerp
SV Brugge v Beveren
Winterslag v Standard
Lierse v AA Gent

November 23:
Anderlecht v Luik (22/11)
Waregem v Beerschot
AA Gent v Kortrijk
Standard v R.W.D.M.
Beveren v Lierse
Berchem v Winterslag
Cl. Brugge v Lokeren
Waterschei v Beringen (22/11)
Antwerp v SV Brugge

November 30:
R.W.D.M. v AA Gent
Kortrijk v Waregem
Beerschot v Anderlecht (29/11)
Luik v Waterschei
Beringen v Cl. Brugge
Lokeren v Antwerp
SV Brugge v Berchem
Winterslag v Beveren (29/11)
Lierse v Standard

December 7:
Anderlecht v Beringen (6/12)
Waregem v Luik
AA Gent v Beerschot
Standard v Kortrijk
Beveren v R.W.D.M.
Berchem v Lierse
SV Brugge v Winterslag
Waterschei v Lokeren (6/12)
Antwerp v Cl. Brugge

December 14:
R.W.D.M. v Berchem
Kortrijk v Beveren
Beerschot v Standard (13/12)
Luik v AA Gent
Beringen v Waregem
Lokeren v Anderlecht
Cl. Brugge v Waterschei
Winterslag v Antwerp (13/12)
Lierse v SV Brugge

HOLLAND

August 24:
Excelsior v FC Groningen
PSV v FC Den Haag
NAC v AZ '67
Wageningen v PEC Zwolle
Roda JC v NEC
Go Ahead Eagles v Ajax
FC Utrecht v MVV
Willem II v FC Twente
Sparta v Feyenoord

August 27:
FC Groningen v Sparta
FC Den Haag v Excelsior
AZ '67 v PSV
PEC Zwolle v NAC
NEC v Wageningen
Ajax v Roda JC
MVV v Go Ahead Eagles
FC Twente v FC Utrecht
Feyenoord v Willem II

August 31:
Willem II v Sparta
Feyenoord v FC Utrecht
FC Twente v Go Ahead Eagles
MVV v Roda JC
Ajax v Wageningen
NEC v NAC
PEC Zwolle v PSV
AZ '67 v Excelsior
FC Den Haag v FC Groningen

September 3:
FC Utrecht v Willem II
Go Ahead Eagles v Feyenoord
Roda JC v FC Twente
Wageningen v MVV
NAC v Ajax
PSV v NEC
Excelsior v PEC Zwolle
FC Groningen v AZ '67
Sparta v FC Den Haag

September 14:
FC Utrecht v Sparta
Willem II v Go Ahead Eagles
Feyenoord v Roda JC
FC Twente v Wageningen
MVV v NAC
Ajax v PSV
NEC v Excelsior
PEC Zwolle v FC Groningen
AZ '67 v FC Den Haag

September 21:
Go Ahead Eagles v FC Utrecht
Roda JC v Willem II
Wageningen v Feyenoord
NAC v FC Twente
PSV v MVV
Excelsior v Ajax
FC Groningen v NEC
FC Den Haag v PEC Zwolle
Sparta v AZ '67

September 28:
Go Ahead Eagles v Sparta
FC Utrecht v Roda JC
Willem II v Wageningen
Feyenoord v NAC
FC Twente v PSV
MVV v Excelsior
Ajax v FC Groningen
NEC v FC Den Haag
PEC Zwolle v AZ '67

October 5:
Roda JC v Go Ahead Eagles
Wageningen v FC Utrecht
NAC v Willem II
PSV v Feyenoord
Excelsior v FC Twente
FC Groningen v MVV
FC Den Haag v Ajax
AZ '67 v NEC
Sparta v PEC Zwolle

October 19:
Roda JC v Sparta
G Ahead Eagles v Wageningen
FC Utrecht v NAC
Willem II v PSV
Feyenoord v Excelsior
FC Twente v FC Groningen
MVV v FC Den Haag
Ajax v AZ '67
NEC v PEC Zwolle

October 26
Wageningen v Roda JC
NAC v Go Ahead Eagles
PSV v FC Utrecht
Excelsior v Willem II
FC Groningen v Feyenoord
FC Den Haag v FC Twente
AZ '67 v MVV
PEC Zwolle v Ajax
Sparta v NEC

November 2:
Wageningen v Sparta
Roda JC v NAC
Go Ahead Eagles v PSV
FC Utrecht v Excelsior
Willem II v FC Groningen
Feyenoord v FC Den Haag
FC Twente v AZ '67
MVV v PEC Zwolle
Ajax v NEC

November 9:
NAC v Wageningen
PSV v Roda JC
Excelsior v Go Ahead Eagles
FC Groningen v FC Utrecht
FC Den Haag v Willem II
AZ '67 v Feyenoord
PEC Zwolle v FC Twente
NEC v MVV
Sparta v Ajax

November 23:
NAC v Sparta
Wageningen v PSV
Roda JC v Excelsior
Go Ahead Eagles v FC Groningen
FC Utrecht v FC Den Haag
Willem II v AZ '67
Feyenoord v PEC Zwolle
FC Twente v NEC
MVV v Ajax

November 30:
PSV v NAC
Excelsior v Wageningen
FC Groningen v Roda JC
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NEC v Feyenoord
Ajax v FC Twente
Sparta v MVV

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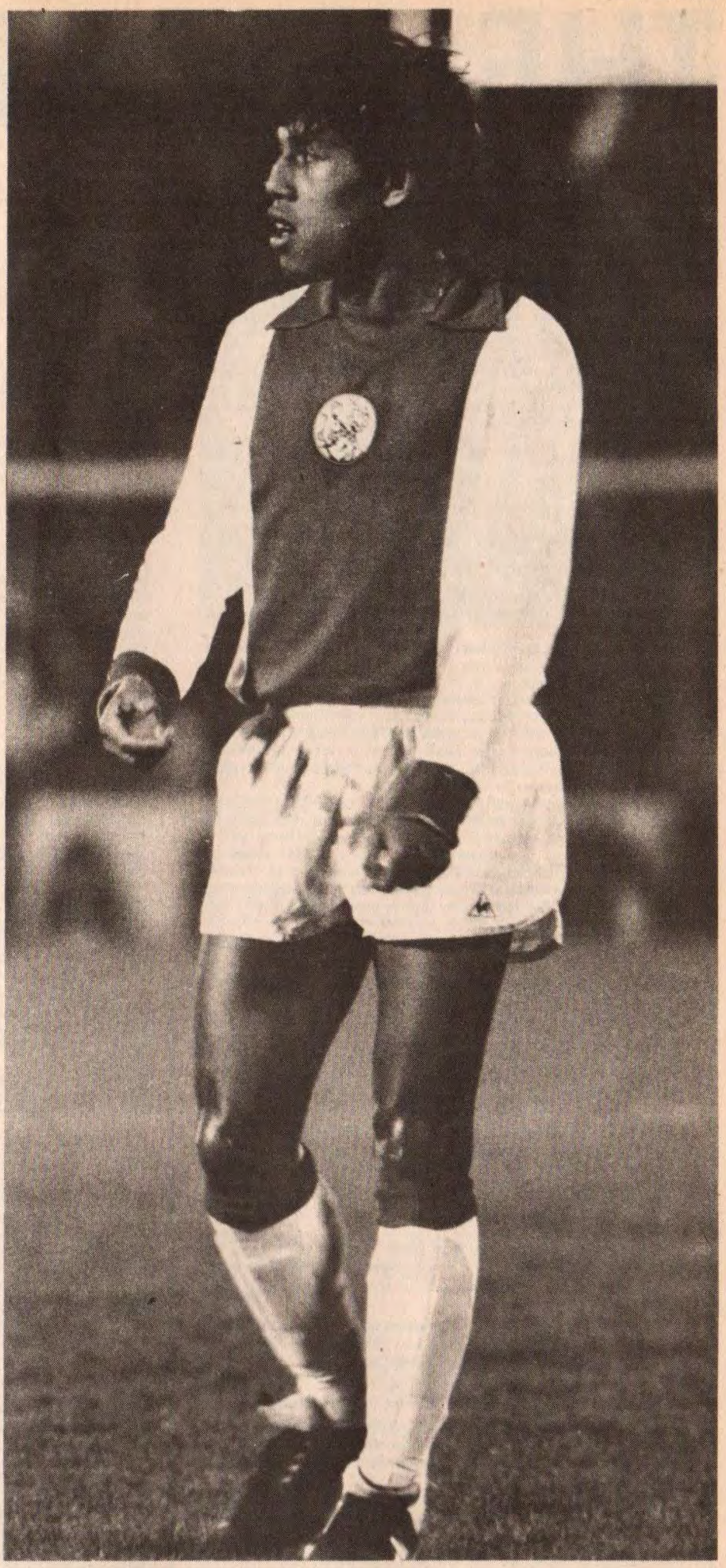

Tahamata of Ajax.

THE SICKNESS SCOTTISH FOOT

FOLLOWING the riot at the 1980 Scottish Cup Final at Hampden the Scottish Football Association fined the clubs involved, Rangers and Celtic, £20,000 each and in July a full meeting of the SFA Council upheld the decision.

The SFA also issued a statement in which they identify religious bigotry as one of the prime causes of the continuing "hatred and bitterness" between the supporters of the two clubs. The statement goes on to state that the SFA "is far from satisfied that each club has done everything in its power to dissociate itself from matters sectarian" so laying the blame squarely at the feet of the clubs.

The report states that Celtic are willing to co-operate on this issue while "not having done everything in its power" to stamp out sectarianism within the club. The two major points of criticism of Celtic in this regard are that the club flies an Irish Tricolour over their ground and that the club's board of directors is made up entirely of Roman Catholics.

However it is Rangers, a club who still refuse to sign Roman Catholic players, who rightly come in for the severest criticism over the issue of religious bigotry in the report. The SFA contend that "the (SFA Executive and General Purposes) Committee sought assurances from both clubs that they would, by their actions and policies, renounce all forms of sectariansim. The Celtic club is willing to co-operate. The Rangers club insists that its present policies are in keeping with the association's wishes. The committee is not satisfied with the latter's assertion."

Predictably the implied criticism in the SFA's report seems to have fallen on deaf ears at Ibrox. Rangers' chairman, Rae Simpson, described the sectarianism issue as "irrelevent" and David Miller, secretary of Rangers' Supporters' Club, when asked about the question of religious discrimination against signing Roman Catholic players was quoted as saying: "It is Rangers prerogative who they sign and I think the majority of Rangers supporters are quite happy with things they way they are."

According to Mr. Simpson the Ibrox board, when discussing signing a new player, "doesn't sit around discussing who is Protestant and who is Catholic". Is he then trying to have us believe that it is pure coincidence that in the club's entire 107 year history only one Roman Catholic (Laurie Blyth who played between 1951-53) has ever worn the famous royal blue jersey and there are no Catholics currently in the first team squad.

However, such cynical statements ae not new to representatives of the club. In the glare of publicity which followed the 1976 Birmingham riot when Rangers fans ran amok during a friendly match with Aston Villa causing the game to be abandoned Willie Waddell, then Rangers' general manager, whilst denying that any religious bias had ever existed at Ibrox regarding the signing of new players, stated that, "Rangers FC divorce themselves completely from sectarian or religious bias in every aspect on the field of play and on the terraces. No religious barriers will be put up by this club regarding the signing of players." It need hardly be said that no Catholic player has appeared for the club since that declaration was made four years ago.

Policy

Clearly if ICI or British Leyland were to operate such a discriminatory personnel policy there would be a public outcry, yet Rangers, who are after all, a major employer in Glasgow, have been operating such a religious bar for more than 100 years. Why then have the Scottish Professional Footballers' Association never voiced any objections to what amounts to discrimination against its Catholic members on the part of a potential employer? Why, in spite of the fact that Rangers' tacit policy of religious sectarianism obviously brings Scottish football into disrepute, have the other clubs in the Scottish league never issued any strong statement of condemnation? Why, since Rangers' sectarian policy clearly acts as a catalyst for crowd violence, have the police, the Glasgow City Council and members of parliament not been more outspoken in their criticism of the club? Why are vendors allowed to sell obviously provocative merchandise such as Tricolours, Ulster flags, and pictures of the Pope and William of Orange outside Hampden, Ibrox and Parkhead before important matches?

The Strathclyde police also come in for considerable criticism in the SFA statement because it is claimed that they did not have sufficient numbers of policemen around the perimeter at the final whistle, as they usually do, to prevent a pitch invasion. The SFA feel that had the police followed their "traditional tactic" of flooding the track around the pitch with police "the whole incident could have been nipped in the bud."

The Cup Final debacle is in fact only the latest in a long line of exhibitions of police incompetence when dealing with crowd violence at Hampden finals. The truth is that the Glasgow police have a completely unjustified reputation for crowd handling. They generally react to rather than anticipate crowd trouble and consequently violent situations which, with adequate planning, could be defused at an early stage are allowed to develop and escalate.

For example, Celtic were involved in a whole series of Scottish Cup and League Cup finals against oppsotion other than Rangers at Hampden in the 1970s and at almost all of these fighting broke out on the west terracing, the traditional Rangers' end, where Celtic's most violent supporters would gather often with the prime object of fighting rival supporters eg, there was considerable trouble in this section during the 1972 and 1974 Scottish Cup finals involving Celtic v Hibs and Dundee United respectively to mention only two of the numerous examples.

Yet in spite of the almost constant repetition of violence in this section the Glasgow police never at any time tried to segregate the rival sets of fans (the two sets of supporters almost invariably did seperate, but the parting process was instigated by a hail of bottles rather than by police action) on their own initiative before trouble broke out, nor were police sent to patrol this obvious trouble zone in any numbers until fighting and missile throwing actually began.

Similarly at the end of the game the obvious trouble spots outside Hampden are not adequately patrolled by the police. One such zone is

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But there remained one setback before Schuster could go on to triumph in Italy: Köln not ony lost 2-1 in the domestic cup final against Fortuna Düsseldorf, they all played badly.

But Schuster is made of rubber. He will always bounce back. His spirit on arrival in Italy impressed Derwall enough to throw him in for the second, vital, game, against Holland. It's now history how Schuster had a hand in all three goals in the Germans' 3-2 win — and also collected a booking which forced Derwall to exclude him from the side who drew 0-0 with Greece.

The next evening, having been protected from the consequences of any badly-timed tackle or flash of temper, Schuster nearly put himself out of the final the only other way possible: injury.

Training with his squad colleagues on the Banco di Roma ground which the Germans used extensively in Rome, Schuster turned sharply and twisted his knee.

"We hope it wil be all right," said Derwall cautiously.

He needn't have worried. Schuster was not only there for the final against Belgium, playing on the left in midfield, but his ferocious long-range shooting could have won the match far earlier had it not been for the brilliance of Belgian goalkeeper Jean-Marie Pfaff.

The Germans, of course, won 2-1. And there were more than a few people round the Rome stadium wondering if they hadn't just seen Schuster take his first major step towards becoming, at the end of December, the youngest player ever to receive the European Footballer of the Year award . . .

OF BALL

by Kenneth Young

behind the west terracing where supporters on the south side of this terracing heading towards the Mount Florida railway station are forced to negotiate a narrow crowded lane which separates Hampden Park itself from Lesser Hampden. It was in this congested thoroughfare following the 1976 League Cup Final between Celtic and Aberdeen that I saw Aberdeen supporters being indiscriminately set upon by Celtic's lunatic fringe with the police conspicuous by their absence.

The police can also be criticised for their failure to enforce the theoretical ban on taking cans and bottles into Hampden Park as these are invariably used as missiles by the hooligan elements. It is estimated that thousands of beer cans and bottles were collected inside Hampden after the 1980 Cup Final. However the police's task of enforcing the ban on alcohol is made difficult because they have no power to body search fans entering the ground. This does not excuse them for allowing persons obviously under the influence of alcohol to enter the ground. In spite of police supervision outside the turnstiles there were fans so drunk that they could only stand if they were supported by their friends allowed to pass into the ground.

However the SFA's statement is far from comprehensive and completely ignores the SFA's own responsibilities and shortcomings. The most glaring ommission in the statement is that the influence of alcohol on the riot is completely ignored, and as a result one must ask whether the SFA is more interested in appeasing their sponsors (Scottish and Newcastle Breweries sponsor the Scottish Cup, Bells Whisky sponsor the League Cup and Drybrough [another brand of beer] sponsor the Drybrough Cup) than in discovering the real root causes of the riot.

The six-foot high fence around Hampden has been blamed as being inadequate but doubt must be expressed as to whether the fence is desirable at all. There can be no doubt that on this occasion the fans came over the fence with the express intention of invading the pitch, but often in the past spectators have spilled on to the track to escape injury from flying bottles rather than with the intention of holding up play.

The fence was erected so that Hampden would comply with UEFA regulations and so could host the European Cup Final. However UEFA's regulations on fencing grounds are designed to suit European conditions not the peculiar needs of Scottish crowds. In Europe police do have the right to search fans for cans and bottles and riots on the continent are more likely to be aimed at invading the pitch to attack players or referees wheras here the hooligans hurl missiles into densely packed crowds the result of which is most likely to be that the thrower will injure one of his team's own supporters.

Prestige

By erecting a fence around Hampden the SFA. cut off the only escape route available to fans once the bottles start flying and thus showed that they are more concerned about bringing a prestige match to Glasgow than with the safety of the paying spectators who are after all the lifeblood of the game. A much better fencing idea is that currently adopted at Ibrox for Old Firm games where fans can spill onto the track to escape injury from thrown missiles but are prevented from invading the pitch itself by a riot fence which protects the playing area.

The SFA also ignore the fact that the venue for the game, the disintegrating colossus that is Hampden Park, itself was a major cause of crowd violence at the Cup Final because its urine saturated terraces provide the perfect environment in which hatred and violence can breed and flourish. Seating accommodation is provided for only 20,000 of an 85,000 crowd and of the remainder less than half stand under cover. In bad weather the unconcreted terraces turn into quagmires, toilet facilities are dirty, inadeauate and odious and catering facilities are appalling.

Obviously few woman are prepared to endure such spartan facilities in order to watch a football match at Hampden and thus the all male environment coupled with the twin effects of drink and religious bigotry provides the perfect setting for a potential riot. The SFA don't seem to accept that if you treat people like animals they will behave like animals.

Action from the 1980 Scottish Cup Final.

The SFA deserve some praise for at last having the courage to identify religious bigotry as being a prime cause of violence in Scottish football, a subject hitherto taboo in football circles. However the £20,000 fine imposed on the clubs, a mere drop in the ocean in these days of £1,000,000 transfer fees, is clearly not the answer to the problem. As we have seen, Rangers have already indicated that they are not prepared to make any gesture towards defusing the religious timebomb that haunts Scottish football and thus sterner measures will have to be taken against the clubs when crowd eruptions recur as they inevitably will.

It has been suggested that Rangers and Celtic should be banned from competing in the Scottish Cup next season, but this would have little effect other than to devalue the competition by barring the two most popular sides in the country. A more effective measure might have been to bar them from playing in any European competition for two or three seasons; a ban which would be far more financially damaging to the clubs than a £20,000 fine.

In league matches the Old Firm's supporters, by rioting at a crucial stage in a match and upsetting the concentration of the opposing team, have often played a crucial part in influencing the outcome of a game and until now the SFA have taken no action, allowing the results of these trouble-torn games to stand often to the advantage of Rangers and Celtic eg, in September 1977 during a game played at Love St., Paisley, St. Mirren led Rangers 2-1 at half time when the pitch was invaded by Rangers fans causing the start of the second-half to be delayed by five minutes while the police restored order.

Rangers finally scraped a 3-3 draw. Later that season Motherwell led Rangers 2-0 after 28 minutes when a pitch invasion held up play. Rangers went on to win 5-3. Doubtless such incidents will recur in the future and the SFA must take decisive action to discourage the hooligans by either ordering such games to be replayed or, as has occurred on the continent, by declaring the final score null and void and awarding a score of 2-0 in favour of the opposing team.

The future of the Scottish game now rests on four central questions:

(1) Will the SFA recognise its own shortcomings and take steps to put these right?

(2) Will the SFA have the courage to impose sterner measures against Rangers and Celtic, its two most powerful members, in the event of future crowd trouble involving Old Firm supporters?

(3) Will Rangers and Celtic dismantle the sectarian apparatus that infests both clubs?

(4) Will the two great clubs now fully accept their responsibilities to the community for their supporters and take steps to weed out the troublemakers in their supporters' ranks?

Sadly it seems that by the time the new season starts the game's Canute minded rulers will have forgotton May's horrific episode and the cancer of violence that infects the game in Scotland will be left untreated until the next bloody riot focuses their attention on the sickness of the sport once more. In the meantime how many more innocent spectators must be injured on the battlefield that Hampden's vast terraces have so often become before the smug administrators in their cosy little niche in the south stand are finally forced to seriously tackle the problem rather than simply pass the buck?

COMMERCIAL WAR FOR YOUNGSTERS

by Colin Benson

THE commercial war for the nations' young footballers got under way recently with the launching of the Bobby Moore Soccer School programme, designed to give youngsters everywhere, the opportunity of receiving top-class coaching from such famous names as Ian St John, Peter Osgood, Paddy Crerand and Mike Summerbee.

England's former captain admitted that the idea, which is sponsored by Corals, is based on the Soccer camps he visited last year in the United States. But claims that this provides a unique service for English schoolboys met with a cold response in the side streets of Newmarket.

What has this sleepy Suffolk town, regarded as the Mecca of the horse racing industry, got to do with Association Football?

Turmoil

Well, in a second-floor office above The Avenue, lies the nerve centre of the biggest private coaching organisation in the world, which employs eight administrators and over 100 qualified coaches. It is the home of the C & G Soccer Club Ltd., the brainchild of 35-year-old economics graduate, Kit Carson, who started his scheme way back in 1968 with Alan Gowling, now playing with Bolton Wanderers.

Frustrated by the turmoil within the game, the lack of skill and the terrible obsession on fitness training, Kit Carson approached other University educated players such as Steve Heighway and Brian Hall of Liverpool, to try and put into practice their beliefs on the way the game should be played.

In January 1976, the Liverpool Soccer School went into action at Liverpool University where the emphasis was placed on fun, skill, and football without the pressures of competition.

The course was attended by 150 schoolboys and literally hundreds more were turned away, but the whole venture had proved so successful that the C & G Club was formulated to keep them in touch and arrange a follow-up.

From this developed a nation-wide network of soccer schools, and colleges — offering more advanced courses over five days — and a team of 20 international players were recruited to play an active part in the programme. Names such as Trevor Brooking (England and West Ham), Brian Talbot (England and Arsenal), John Hollins (England and Arsenal), Eddie Gray (Scotland and Leeds), Brian Kidd (England and Everton) and Heighway and David Johnson of Liverpool all made a contribution.

In the embryonic days, the Carson crusade tried to reach out to all quarters of the country. The desire to cater for every youngster was so deep that locations were decided by a blindfolded person sticking a pin into the map. Thus such unlikely venues as Midsummer Norton, a village near Bath, Mundford in Norfolk and Chapel en le Frith in Derbyshire all became centres for the pioneering soccer clinics. In fact so much interest did they attract that there used to be as many dads watching as there were boys participating.

But like all growth industries, development meant change and while Mr Carson regrets that this defeated the initial object of the excercise because it meant adopting centres that could provide the facilities for the demand, there have been some quite exciting advancements made.

With a membership of some 10,000 boys stretching over the globe, the C & G Soccer Schools now operate in Helsinki, Sweden, Denmark and Canada and the schools cream off their best pupils to form their own C & G international squads.

Says Mr Carson: "I have always believed in the principle that if you want a good school you have to cater for the best, as this sets the standard for the others to follow. That is why we provide specialised instruction for the star boys who might take up the game professionally."

The former Bedford school teacher has carved a lucrative living out of his coaching enterprise and his associate company which organises tours and tournaments including the national youth tournament of Wales, the Cymru Cup, and the Liverpool Cup.

Yet no one can deny that Mr Carson's enterprise has done anything but good for its pupils, providing the standard of coaching that youngsters in Germany, Holland, Russia, Spain, Argentina, Brazil and even America, enjoy every year.

Venture

It is only sad that the void has had to filled by commercial organisations such as the C & G Club and Bobby Moore's new venture. For although they provide the goods, it is at a price, ranging from £28.75 for a weeks day-courses to £68 for a 5-day residential course.

The plain truth is that such schemes should have been developed by the Football Association, themselves, but when originally approached by Mr Carson, the authorities rejected the idea because it was a commercial organisation and they felt it was wrong to use professional players.

Ironically the Football Association's Director of Coaching Alan Wade endorsed the Bobby Moore Soccer Schools development, which of course is backed by a company of bookmakers, but may be we are not supposed to mention that.

Meanwhile parents will be ploughing as much as £130,000 into the C & G residential courses this summer, money that could have been earned for the benefit of football by the FA.

In the meantime its hats off to Messrs Carson and Moore for providing countless enjoyment and football education to thousands of aspiring young footballers, all hoping to follow in the footsteps of Southampton's young star Steve Williams, who was discovered on one such course.

Promotio

JOHN LYALL, Manager of West Ham, finished an early training session and said: "We are back early to prepare for the Charity Shield game at Wembley and the lads are raring to go. The Charity Shield match is an important one for us and we have to be in peak condition especially bearing in mind that the opposition deserves all the respect you can give them. I and many others in football think they are the best Club side in the World."

I pointed out that he had told me that he had a secret plan when the Hammers beat Arsenal in the FA Cup and wondered whether he now had a plan against Liverpool and whether he was prepared to disclose it.

He shrugged the point off with a smile. "We had some secrets and plans when we beat Arsenal and plans are great when they come off. We try to play every week, but it is all down to the players knowing what you are trying to do because that helps to set the standards for the team and for the performance involved.

Problems

"Liverpool will pose lots of problems because of their collective ability but we will go to Wembley against them as we did against Arsenal believing that it is not a hopeless situation by any means.

"We are not expected to win and that is easier for the players because they can go in a relaxed frame of mind but none the less we will go their and stamp our attitudes football on that game.

"This attitude is to go forward and play attacking entertaining football and its been our mark for many years and I am really only carrying on something which started several years ago.

"Attacking play is generally governed by the situations which occur on the day and obviously against Liverpool it will be a question of how much we have the ball. We like to push forward and create as much as we can and that is how the game has to be played.

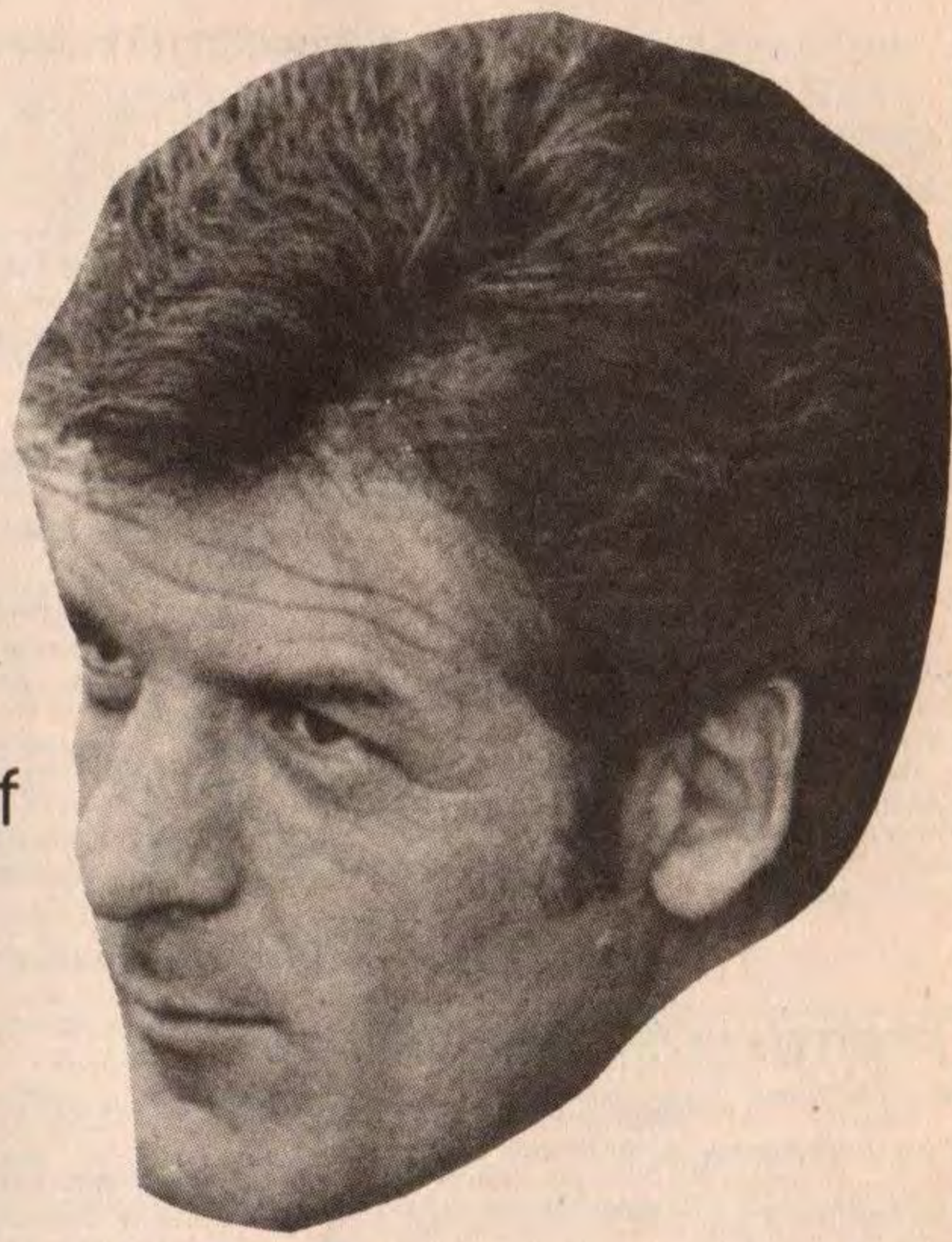
"It is our philosophy and it always will be to try to take chances and create things because we are there to make the people who watch football enjoy it and want to come back again."

It was obvious that Lyall was very happy to be back in Europe. "Our first match in the European Cup Winners Cup on September the 17 is against Castilla the nursery side of Real Madrid. They are quite a good side with a number of outstanding young lads who are being prepared for the future Real Madrid side.

"They apparently created a good impression last season and whilst people are saying that they are only a reserve team, I think it is far from an easy draw for us although none the less a very satisfactory one. It is exciting to get back into Europe and I believe a club is being successful when they do get there.

n still Hammers priority

Ken Goldman talks to JOHN LYALL manager of FA Cup winners WEST HAM



"People talk about Liverpool playing 15 years in Europe while in recent seasons Arsenal and Nottingham Forest have done this and it is good to be involved at this level and a great challenge for everyone. Supporters can go abroad and see a different philosophy of football and travel and hopefully enjoy it; while the players will come across problems that they wont readily get at home; and of course the manager gets a great experience out of the preparation and the games themselves.

"One has got to believe that one can be successful in every competition you go in for and we are hoping to do well again this season. For example last season we got into the quarter-final of the League Cup and were in the promotion hunt and won the FA Cup and it meant we were developing a consistency in the Club regardless of which match or which competition we were playing in.

"We wanted to go out and not just play good football but be successful with it and I think these are the standards we need to set, which requires winning but doing it in the right manner."

This brought us very nicely round to whether West Ham would gain promotion this season. "We have never denied that it has been our priority in the last two years to be promoted. People say to me that we should get this or get that but you don't get anything in football unless you deserve it and we have just missed out in the last couple of years.

"I hope that it will be third time lucky this season but last year whilst we were successful we did bring in a number of new players and they developed in the side over the first couple of matches of the season.

"This year we start with a group of players who have played consistently together and I would hope that they can do the job. If they show the attitude they had last season they will give themselves a very good chance of getting promotion. Two of these players Alan Devonshire and Paul Allen will go on from strength to strength because of their terrific attitude.

"They are very talented and have great discipline and in modern football the right attitude is the key because most teams will be able to produce fitness and good organisation but it is also important to understand the game well.

"Both of these lads are great students of the game and I believe they can be future stars not only in Britain but in Europe as well.

"We also now have some strength in depth with a lot of promising youngsters coming through and possibly we will add one or two senior players to the staff if we feel it necessary and the right players become available. We won't hesitate to do that but the present squad is reasonably strong although we may need one or two more added to it, but whether they come from youth or whether we buy them will depend on the situations as they arise.

West Ham defender Alvin Martin hooks the ball away from Arsenal's David Price, watched by Frank Lampard, during the 1980 FA Cup Final.

Schoolboys

"The future will see more and more clubs depending on their youth sides and we have just had two schoolboys in the England side which is good for us because it is essential that the youth squad is as strong as the first team who are earning the money.

"We would like to feel our youth side is a strong one and in a few years time some of our youngsters should be as exciting as the lads in the first team now."

It would seem that after a couple of years in the Second Division wilderness this season should see West Ham secure their promotion position. Whatever happens at Wembley on the day of the Charity Shield Match it should be one of the most exciting games in this competition for years.

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LEAGUE TABLES

ARGENTINA: First Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
River Plate	22	10	9	3	38	23	29
Platense	22	9	9	4	21	16	27
Argentinos Jnrs	21	9	8	4	35	25	26
Talleres Cordoba	22	8	10	4	31	26	26
Huracan	21	8	8	5	40	29	24
Newell's Old Boys	22	9	6	7	40	22	24
E'antes de La Plata	22	6	11	5	22	26	23
Independiente	22	7	8	7	34	33	22
Union Santa Fe	22	9	4	9	29	28	22
Rosario Central	22	7	8	7	21	22	22
Racing Club	22	5	12	5	20	23	22
Ferro Carril Oeste	22	7	7	8	29	31	21
Colon Santa Fe	22	6	8	8	22	26	20
San Lorenzo	21	5	9	7	23	26	19
Quilmes	22	2	15	5	22	26	19
Boca Juniors	22	6	7	9	25	37	19
Velez Sarsfield	21	6	6	9	19	28	18
Tigre	22	4	9	9	26	34	17
All Boys	22	2	10	10	16	32	14

URUGUAY: First Division
10 matches

1. Nacional 16 pts; 2. Wanderers 14; 3. Bella Vista, Danubio 12; 5. Sud America 11; 6. Fenix, Defensor 10; 8. Huracan Buceo, Miramar, Cerro, Peñarol 9; 12. River Plate 8; 13. Progreso 7; 14. Rentistas 4.

CHILE: First Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Univ. de Chile (1)	9	6	2	1	15	6	15
Cobreloa (1)	9	5	4	0	17	9	15
Union Espanola	9	3	5	1	19	13	11
Univ. Catolica	9	4	3	2	17	12	11
Colo Colo (1)	9	3	3	3	16	13	10
O'Higgins	9	4	2	3	12	9	10
Magallanes	9	3	4	2	7	12	10
Everton	9	3	3	3	13	14	9
Iquique (2)	9	2	3	4	14	18	9
Aviacion	9	2	5	2	11	12	9
Concepcion	9	2	5	2	11	18	9
Coquimbo	9	2	4	3	7	10	8
Lota-Schwager	9	3	2	4	10	10	8
Palestino	9	3	2	4	11	14	8
Green Cross	9	2	3	4	8	13	7
Naval	9	2	3	4	9	12	7
Wanderers	9	0	6	3	7	11	6
Audax Italiano	9	1	3	5	9	16	5

VENEZUELA: Professional Championship

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Portuguesa	5	2	3	0	5	2	7
Italia	5	2	3	0	6	4	7
Tachira	5	2	2	1	6	3	6
Lara	5	2	2	1	4	4	6
Valencia	6	2	2	2	4	3	6
Falcon	6	2	2	2	6	8	6
Zamora	6	1	3	2	6	5	5
Estudiantes	6	2	1	3	7	9	5
Galicia	5	0	4	1	4	4	4
Univ. de los Andes	5	1	1	3	4	5	3
Portugues	5	0	3	2	1	5	3

COLOMBIA: Professional League
Opening Tournament

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Deportivo Cali	22	12	7	3	37	22	31
Atletico Junior	21	11	7	3	31	13	29
Caldas	22	10	8	4	27	18	28
Pereira	22	8	10	4	24	17	26
Quindio	22	9	6	7	22	20	24
Millionarios	22	7	8	7	37	32	22
Indep. Santa Fe	21	6	9	6	23	25	21
Medellin	22	6	9	7	28	28	21
Nacional	21	6	8	7	25	28	20
America	20	6	7	7	30	26	19
Union Magdalena	22	6	7	9	19	33	19
Tolima	21	3	10	8	20	28	16
Bucaramanga	22	3	7	12	24	42	13
Cucuta	22	3	7	12	16	31	13

PERU: National Championship

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Sporting Cristal	9	6	3	0	17	7	15
Alfonso Ugarte	9	6	2	1	19	5	14
Atletico Torino	9	6	2	1	13	5	14
Universitario	9	2	7	0	14	8	11
Deportivo Mun.	9	4	2	3	13	10	10
Deportivo Junin	9	4	2	3	14	14	10
Asoc D'tiva Tarma	9	3	4	2	10	14	10
Col. Nac. Iquitos	9	2	5	2	12	12	9
Coronel Bolognesi	9	3	2	4	9	10	8
Atletico Chalaco	9	1	5	3	8	9	7
Alianza Lima	9	2	3	4	5	8	7
Union Huaral	9	2	3	4	9	16	7
Melgar	9	2	2	5	8	13	6
Juventud La Palma	9	2	2	5	4	12	6
Sport Boys	9	1	3	5	8	13	5
Juan Aurich	9	1	3	5	3	14	5

PARAGUAY: First Division
8 matches

1. Cerro Porteño 12 pts; 2. Guaràni, Libertad 11; 4. Nacional, Sol de America 8; 6. Sportivo Luqueño, Olimpia 7; 8. Tembetary, River Plate 6; 10. Rubio Nu 4.

ECUADOR: 'A' Division Championship
14 matches

1. Universidad Catolica de Quito 18 pts; 2. Emelec de Guayaquil 16; 3. Nacional de Quito, Barcelona de Guayaquil 15; 5. America de Quito 14; 6. Tecnico Universitario de Ambato, Everest de Guayaquil, Manta 13; 9. Liga Deportiva Universitaria de Quito 12; 10. Deportivo Cuenca 11. *'B' Division leaders:* Deportivo Quito 22, Macara de Ambato 17.

BOLIVIA: Professional League

1. The Strongest 7 pts; 2. Jorge Wilsterman, Bolivar 6; 4. Petrolero 5; 5. Guabira, Oriente Petrolero 4; 7. Municipal, Independiente Unificada, Real Santa Cruz 3; 10. Blooming, San José, Always Ready, Stormers 2; 14. Aurora 1.

MEXICO: First Division
Final standings

	P	W	D	L	Pts
Group 1					
Cruz Azul	38	20	15	3	55
Atlante	38	20	9	9	49
Monterrey	38	9	16	13	34
Puebla	38	11	11	16	33
Jalisco	38	8	12	18	28
Group 2					
Univ Aut. de Mexico	38	17	12	9	46
Tampico	38	15	11	12	41
Guadalajara	38	11	16	11	38
Atletico Potosino	38	8	13	17	29
Curtidores	38	10	8	20	28
Group 3					
America	38	23	11	4	57
Neza	38	12	20	6	44
Toluca	38	14	11	13	39
Univ de Guadalajara	38	9	13	16	31
Leon	38	9	11	18	29
Group 4					
Zacatepec	38	16	12	10	44
Univ de Nuevo Leon	38	14	12	12	40
Univ Aut. de Guadalajara	38	10	14	14	34
Atletico Español	38	11	8	19	30
Atlas	38	9	11	18	29

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May 21

VENEZUELA 1 PANAMA 0

May 24

PANAMA (2) 2 VENEZUELA (0) 2

June 8

BRAZIL (0) 2 — Ze Sergio, Serginho

MEXICO 0

Brazil: Raul, Nelinho, Amaral (Mauro Pastor), Edinho, Pedrinho, Batista, Cereso, Socrates (Renato), Paulo Isidoro (Eder), Serginho, Ze Sergio.

Mexico: Reyes, Trejo, Pena, Vasquez, De la Torre, Mungui (Luna), Gonzalez (Medina), Mendizabal, Tapia (Cristobal), Castro (Agustin), Hugo Sanchez.

June 15

BRAZIL (1) 1 — Nunes

SOVIET UNION (2) 2 — Cherenkov, Andreev

Brazil: Raul, Nelinho, Amaral (Mauro Pastor), Edinho, Junior, Batista, Cerezo, Zico, Socrates (Renato), Nunes, Ze Sergio.

Soviet Union: Dassaev, Sulakvelidzem, Khiliatudin, Chevadze, Romantsev, Bessonov, Chavlo, Gratilov (Evtushenko), Cherenkov, Chelebadse (Oganessian), Andreev. Referee — Arnaldo Coelho — Braz.

June 22

BOLIVIA 3 — Aragones 2, Reynaldo

SPAIN "B" 2 — Cano

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June 13

VELEZ SARSFIELD—(Argentina) (0) 0

INTERNACIONAL—(Brazil) (0) 1 — Tonho

Velez Sarsfield: Falcioni, Gonzalez, Piazza, Jorge, Bujedo, Quinteros, Rotondi, Ischia, Castro, Da Fonseca (Sanabria), Damiano (Perez).

Internacional: Gasperin, Toninho, Mauro Pastor, Mauro Galvao, Claudio Mineiro, Cleo, Tonho, Batista, Jair, Adilson, Batista.

June 18

AMERICA — (Colombia) 0

VELEZ SARSFIELD — (Argentina) 0

America: Mazurkiewicz, Valencia, Pascuttini, Reyes, Chaparro, Gonzalez Aquino, Caicedo, Canon, Battaglia, Caceres, Lugo.

Velez Sarsfield: Falcioni, Gonzalez, Piazza, Jorge, Bujedo, Quinteros, Rotondi, Ischia, Castro, Da Fonseca, Damiano. Referee — Ramon Barreto, Uruguay.

Semi-final group 2

May 21

O'HIGGINS — (Chile) 0

NACIONAL — (Uruguay) (1) 1 — Perez

O'Higgins: Leyes, Droguett, Gatica, O. Vargas, Serrano, Coppa (Quiroz), Acosta, Neira, Nunez (Burgos), J. Vargas, Olivera.

Nacional: Rodriguez, Moreira, De Leon, Blanco, Gonzalez, Luzardo, Esparrago, De la Pena, Perez, Victorino, Morales (Milard).

June 11

O'HIGGINS — (Chile) 0

OLIMPIA — (Paraguay) (0) 1 — Talavera

O'Higgins: Leyes, Droguett, Gatica, O. Vargas, Serrano, Acosta, Coppa, Neira, Nuñez, J. Vargas, Olivera.

Olimpia: Almeyda, Solalinde, Delgado, Sosa, Paredes, Guash, Talavera, Torres, Ortiz, Diaz, Samaniego.

June 18

OLIMPIA — (Paraguay) 0

NACIONAL — (Uruguay) (0) 1 — Perez

Olimpia: Almeyda, Paredes, Sosa, Solalinde, Benitez, Delgado, Ortiz, Torres, Diaz, Talavera, Samaniego.

Nacional: Rodriguez, Molina (Perez), De Leon, Blanco, W. Gonzalez, Luzardo, De la Pena, Esparrago, Moreira, Victorino, Morales.

MAJOR CLUB INTERNATIONALS

Atletico Zamora (Venezuela) 1 Millionarios (Colombia) 2 (May 26); Galicia (Venezuela) 2 Maritimo de Funchal (Portugal) 3 (June 5); Universidad de Guadalajara (Mexico) 2 Botafogo (Brazil) 1 (June 5); Puebla (Mexico) 1 Botafogo (Brazil) 1 (June 8); Real Madrid (Spain) 2 Benfica (Portugal) 1 (in Venezuela).

OTHER INTERNATIONALS

Olimpia (Paraguay) 2 Uruguay select 0 (June 5); Venezuela select 1 Maritimo de Funchal (Portugal) 0 (June 7); Kuwait select 5 Necaxa (Mexico) 1 (June 8 in Rio de Janeiro); Colombia select 1 Real Madrid (Spain) 1 (June 11); Colombia select 0 Benfica (Portugal) 1 (June 14); Chile select 1 Peñarol (Uruguay) 1 (June 18); Venezuela select 0 Real Madrid (Spain) 8 (June 22); Universidad Catolica (Ecuador) 0 Colombia select 2 (May 28); Colombia select 0 Real Madrid (Spain) 0 (in Venezuela).

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